



Curriculum Information



Spring 1 Year 5



Our topic this half term is 'The Black Death'

Beware the plague! This half term, year 5 are taking a trip back the 14th century and the grisly days of the Black Death. We will be learning about the history of medieval England and exploring how events worked to change society and the ways in which people lived and worked. We will also be making comparisons between medicine now and medicine in the distant past!

As writers, we will be writing a metaphorical description of 'Pestilence'. We will also be writing a diary from the perspective of a peasant running from the plague. We will be gathering information to write a report on medieval knights and will even be planning a speech designed to whip up a revolt against the nobility!

As readers, we will read Berlie Doherty's 'Children of Winter' – a powerful tale about a group of children who hide from the great plague during a bleak and challenging winter.

In Maths, we will learn about fractions, decimals and percentages. We will also be looking at angles and geometry whilst consolidating multiplication and division skills.

In Science, we will find out about materials, their properties and the ways in which they can change.

In Computing, we will be exploring algorithms and learning how they can be used to create exciting programs and activities.

In Art, we will be concluding our project on the artist Peter Thorpe.

In Design and Technology, we will be designing and building our own powered buggies, using our knowledge of gears and CAMs.

In Geography, we will be learning about the human and physical geography that allowed the plague to spread so rapidly.

In Languages, we will be learning how to describe different foods and flavours, ask for the price of groceries and take part in shopping conversations.

In Music, we will be continuing to play melodies on the cello, as well as developing our composition skills.

In PSHE, we will learn about healthy living and mental health and wellbeing.

In PE, we will take part in gymnastics activities and learn tennis skills in team games.

In RE, we will learn about Islamic beliefs and the Qur'an.