



Autumn 2

Peasants, Princes and Pestilence



In maths, working alongside our calculations policy, we develop the skills of addition and subtraction and extended this to include adding and subtracting 100s and 1,000s to and from 3-digit and 4-digit numbers. In Year 3 children first explore arrays relating to their times-table knowledge from Key Stage 1. In Year 4 children may extend their understanding by exploring division facts within an array, as well as considering other times-tables.

In years 5 and 6 we explore the idea of multiples, understanding that a multiple of a number is any number that is in its times-table. This can then be generalised to define a multiple more formally as the result of multiplying a number by a positive integer.

Lock your doors and pull up the drawbridge: the dreaded 'Great Pestilence' is here.

At the start of this half term, we'll meet a strange character and use a range of source materials to research the symptoms of the Black Death. Our geography skills will help us understand how the black death came to Britain and why it spread so quickly. We'll investigate the effects of bacteria on the human body and find out about disgusting and dangerous plague 'cures'. Our personal plague journals will record the horror of the black death and we'll write poetry inspired by Geoffrey Chaucer. We'll learn about the 'dance of death' and perform dances inspired by Saint-Saen's *Danse Macabre*. We'll learn about different social classes, understand the reasons for the Peasants' Revolt, take part in a mock battle and learn what it was like to be a knight.



In our new Literacy Tree Unit ,
We will study *The Crown* by
by Emily Kapff
and *The Black dog* by Levi Pinfold.
We will write our own version 'suspense'
narratives
Postcards, dialogue, retellings,
descriptions
We will develop our skills further to write
our own version fable
Diaries, informal letters, dialogue, adverts,
limericks and other poetic forms

At the end of the project, we'll find out about the Black Death through history and make a timeline of outbreaks around the world. Observing live domestic rats will help us to learn about their characteristics and life cycles. A medieval tournament will also be held to showcase our knowledge of medieval knights and demonstrate our jousting skills.