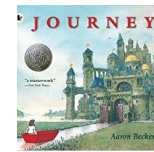




Year 5 Learning Leaflet



English

Our English learning focus for the start of the half-term will be to develop our ability as descriptive storytellers. Using books including 'Journey' by Aaron Becker, the children will create engaging descriptions of settings and characters. We will explore effective story starts and discover how to balance description with action and dialogue.

To fit with our topic, the children will create non-fiction pieces to explain the lives, roles and characteristics of medieval knights. We will investigate medieval language and poetry as well as creating our own battle vows!

Maths - Multiplication, Division, Fractions

The children will increase their fluency so that they can confidently:

Multiply numbers up to 4 digits by a one or two digit number using a formal written method, including using long multiplication for 2-digit numbers (e.g. 3492 x 73).

Divide numbers up to 4 digits by a one digit number using a written short division method. They will interpret remainders appropriate to the context.

Multiply and divide numbers mentally by drawing upon known facts.

Solve problems across all four operations (+ - x ÷). We have noticed that this a particular area in need of development for all.

Find equivalent fractions, convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers, add and subtract fractions and compare and order fractions (greater or less than 1 whole).

Peasants, Princes and Pestilence

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

Last term was a fantastic introduction to Year 5 for all the children. We have been impressed in the forward strides they have made in becoming responsible learners. We explored life in Victorian Britain, became Victorian schoolchildren for the day and produced a wonderful modern version of Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'. We hope the children in Year 5 have had a well, deserved rest over the festive period and are ready to embark on our next term of learning.

This half term our topic is 'Peasants, Princes and Pestilence' where we will mount our steeds and gallop through the dark and deadly world of 14th century Britain, sword and shield at the ready! But watch out for the rats...

Dates for the diary

The swimming change over between classes takes place this half term. **Saturn's last session is Monday 28th January (Note: no swimming on 21st January as the pool is unavailable).** **Mars's first session is Monday 4th February.**

Safer Internet Day Tuesday 5th February

School closes for half-term on Friday 22nd February.

Other subjects

RE - The children will learn about Sacred People across different religions.

Computing - To fit with Safer Internet Day, we will undertake information literacy work to better understand the safety and validity of online content. We will also begin to explore visual media to design rooms in 3D.



Topic

History and Geography - We will find out all about the Black Death that plagued Britain in the 14th Century. We will delve into the gruesome symptoms and map how the disease spread across the world.

Art, Design and Technology - we will use illumination techniques to decorate printed words, create battle gear and research (and produce?!) foods fit for a medieval banquet!

Other - we will explore popular games of the Middle Ages, listen to, compose and perform medieval hymns, and may even be brave and bold enough to choreograph a battle re-enactment!

Science

This half-term we will be focussing our scientific learning on the 'Properties and Changes of Materials'.

The children will compare materials and undertake investigations to test their properties—including absorbency and solubility. We will even try to dissolve some materials and then recover them as we explore reversible and irreversible changes.

Finally, we will attempt to separate some mixtures through sieving, filtering and evaporating. Please note that clean plastic bottles (1l or 2l) will be appreciated for one experiment!