



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. We are going to be using the book 'Children of Winter' as a stimulus for a flashback story. The children will create engaging descriptions of settings and characters and use cohesion across their paragraphs.

Then, to fit with our topic, the children will create a biography to explain the lives, roles and characteristics of medieval knights. We will investigate medieval language and famous knights from different periods of history.

Maths - Fractions, Decimals and Arithmetic

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

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).

We will then move onto new Year 5 learning of decimals. Children will learn that both proper fractions and decimals can be used to represent values between whole numbers.

We will carry on with our arithmetic learning, focusing on the basic four operations and consolidating previous learning.

Peasants, Princes and Pestilence

We have been impressed in the forward strides the children have made in becoming responsible learners and in navigating our new school building! We have explored the night sky and the children created some brilliant home learning last half-term. We hope the children in Year 5 have had a well-deserved rest over the half-term 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 spring term parents evenings will be held on Tuesday 1st March and Thursday 3rd March.

School closes for the Easter holidays on Friday 8th April.

Other subjects

RE - Did God intend Jesus to be crucified and if so, was Jesus aware?

French - Children will learn how to discuss the weather.

Music - children will be continuing to improve their musical skills of listening, appraising and performing, sometimes linking with their class topics.



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 and research foods fit for a medieval banquet!

Computing - We will undertake information literacy work to understand the safety and validity of online content. We will also begin to explore visual media to design rooms in 3D.

Science

This half-term, we will undertake experiments linked to our topic 'Plague'. We will do this through exploring how dirty our hands are and experimenting with herbal medicines.

PE

Our PE units this half-term are going to be Indoor Athletics and Tennis.