



Theme: Peasants, Princes and Pestilence.

Swans Class (Y3/4/5/6)

Autumn Term 2018



Flee your fields, close your doors and pull up the drawbridge: The dreaded and deadly 'Great Pestilence' is here! Mount your steed and gallop through the dark and deadly world of 14th Century Britain, sword and shield at the ready, pledging your allegiance to King and Country! Discover the grotesque effects of bugs and bacteria on the human body. And if you smell a rat – get out of there!

English

Read and write historical accounts, poems and tales.

SPAG is ongoing (see separate plans)

As part of our topic we will be reading:

Plague: A cross on the door by Ann Turnbull

My story: The Great Plague by Pamela Oldfield

Kiss of death by Malcolm Rose

Art and design technology

This term we will examine art and design techniques that were used during the 14th Century and Middle ages; for example lettered printing blocks, making ancient looking journals, researching the food that rich and poor ate. We will also look at how elements of the plague have been depicted through art.

Computing

An introduction for Y3/4 to code.org and attempting weekly challenges.

Y5/6 to develop their use of coding through challenges online at code.org

Maths

See separate plan.

Through cross curricular work we will look at dates and timelines and record and present how many people were affected by the Plague.

RE

We will be exploring the holy trinity and what it means to Christians.

PE

Miss Loomes will be teaching PE every week. This term she will focus on team sports, specifically Lacrosse.

The mini marines will also run weekly sessions focusing on a range of skills.

Science

We will be exploring the growth of bacteria and fungus and recording our findings. We will look at its effect on the human body and remedies that have been used through the centuries. Learning how to record our findings as we go.

MFL

We will be learning French greetings and welcoming new people. Alongside parts of the body and how to say if we feel ill (linked to plague symptoms).

History

Through our main topic we will be studying a gruesome aspect of British history: from the 14th Century onwards, when the plague gripped Britain and killed thousands. We will investigate the plague itself and how different people lived at the time.