

Welcome to Foxes Class.

This term our Learning Journey is peasants, princes and pestilence. These learning journey is a history based one which focuses on life in medieval times.

### Humanities

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'. We'll learn about different social classes, understand the reasons for the Peasants' Revolt and learn what it was like to be a knight.

In English, we will begin by looking at historical stories and play scripts with a particular focus on the knights of medieval times. Our text this term will be *The Secret Diary of John Drawbridge: Medieval Knight in Training*. We will use this text to help us plan and write are stories and support our learning in humanities.

In Maths, this term, we will begin by building on what we learnt last term about perimeter and extending to look at the area of shapes. We will then move onto fractions.

In Art, we will be completing a range of pieces of art linked to illuminated letters. We will be designing and creating our own illuminated letter for the first letter of our name and we will be working on our sketching, painting and sculpting skills during the unit.

In computing, we will be using purple mash to look at different logos.

In Science, we will be looking at plants. We will be learning about what plants need to grow and the different parts of the plants.

In PSHE, we will be looking at healthy relationship and how we can develop our skills to manage and maintain healthy relationships with those around us. We will also look at the kinds of physical behaviours are acceptable and how to support those around us.

PE will be taught on a Monday and Tuesday taught by Mr Unwin. We will be covering basketball and tennis skills.

### Help your child prepare for their project

This half term, we'll travel back to the dark and deadly world of 14th century Britain. Why not visit your local library or museum to see if the 14th-century plague affected your area? You could also look around your house with an adult to see how many products there are that are made to tackle germs. Would they have helped to prevent the spread of the plague? Alternatively, read a book together that is set during a plague. How were the characters' lives affected by the deadly disease?

### Try this at home:

Search your local library to find out if the plague of the 14th century affected a village or town near you. What information can you find out?

- Write a letter to a child of the 21st century, imagining you are a peasant child of the 14th century. What could you tell them about your life?
- Design a coat of arms for your family. What symbols would you use and what would they represent? What would be your family motto?
- Use a map of the UK to identify castles of the Middle Ages. Make a scrapbook or journal to research facts about one of them. Be prepared to present your scrapbook to others.
- Make a model rat out of papier mâché. Paint it to make it look realistic. Take a picture of your rat in different places but try not to scare anyone!

Next Term - Our topic next term will be: **Hola Mexico**