

## **Welcome to Owls Class.**

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

### **Humanities**

At the start of this half term, we will 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 will investigate the effects of bacteria on the human body and find out about disgusting and dangerous plague 'cures'. We will 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 medieval legends with a particular focus on the legend of Robin Hood and the legend of King Arthur. We will use these as inspiration to write our own legends. We will then move onto discussion texts and explore the character Robin Hood in more detail. Our text this term will be The Book of Boy.

In Maths, this term, we will be focusing on algebra, ratio and proportion, measures and statistics. We will be learning to solve equations, convert a range of measures including metric and imperial measures and we will be learning to interpret a range of graphs and tables.

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 create a range of different quizzes aimed at children of different ages.

In Science, we will be looking at Living things in their habitats. We will be learning about how to classify living things into groups and use strategies to do this. We will be looking at a range of different groups of living things including animals and plants.

In PSHE, we will be looking at a unit called 'safety first' During this unit we will be looking at the risks that we might encounter as we do things more independently and what we should do in different situations. We will also be looking at peer pressure and what to do when we encounter this.

PE will be taught on a Tuesday (Mr Unwin) and Thursday ( Miss Skidmore). 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**