



Year 5 – kestrels Autumn Curriculum Letter

Welcome back to another year at Great Barford Primary. I hope that you have had a wonderful summer and that the children are ready for an exciting year! Our first topic for this half term is 'Peasants, Princes and Pestilence' with a historical focus looking at:

- 14th Century Britain
- The Black Death
- The Peasants' Revolt
- Who ruled Britain and what Britain looked like on the map
- How Britons lived and the Feudal System

As well as our main topic, we will also cover these areas:

In English, our theme of work will be around our topic of 14th Century Britain. We will be experimenting with new vocabulary, pestilence poems, journals and newspapers of the Black Death, letter writing and persuasive debate speech on the Peasants' Revolt. In **reading**, we will be using a new scheme called 'Vipers', exploring a variety of texts and looking at vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain, retrieve and summarise. Please ensure that your child reads daily and this is recorded in the home/school diary.

In Maths, we will be following the National Curriculum scheme White Rose, focusing on place value, roman numerals, addition and subtraction. We will be learning a multiplication table each week and on a daily basis, it is so important that children have a rapid recall for their tables therefore multiplication homework will be set each week.

In PE, we will be doing badminton and netball. Our PE days are Monday and Thursday. All children will need to bring appropriate trainers and if children have long hair, it must be tied and earrings taken out. *They will also need a warm sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms for outside PE, and trainers in a plastic bag (they are going to get muddy!) Plimsolls are not suitable for outdoor activities. Please can the children have their indoor and outdoor kit in school every day.*

In History, we will be discovering 14th Century Britain as stated before.

In Geography, we will be map reading and exploring the Black Death spread from Europe and around Britain so quickly.

In D&T, we will study the first printing press and design our own letter printing blocks.

In Science, we will study living things and their habitats every Tuesday afternoon in the Science lab and outside.

In ICT, we will be looking at different coding programmes such as Purple Mash and Scratch Junior.

In R.E, we will be exploring Faith and understanding faith in different religions and how that affects their daily lives.

In food Technology, we will be researching and experimenting with Medieval banquet foods and having a Medieval banquet one afternoon to experience the food and culture.

On Thursday afternoons, children will be taught French and Music by Mrs Potruff and PSHE with Mrs Collins:

In French, children will be continuing to learn and practise their greetings and basic conversation skills.

In music, children will be focusing on singing and engaging with 14th Century old music.

In PSHE, we will be looking at 'Being me in my world' following the Jigsaw scheme of work.

If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak with me. I am always happy to discuss anything important to you and your child. I will also be available for drop-ins every other Wednesday afternoon from 3pm. I look forward to an exciting and engaging year of learning.

Mrs Humphrey