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Dear Parents,

Our topic for this half term is Peasants, Princes and Pestilence. We will be going to delve deep into medieval Britain, along with finding out about the horrors of the Black Death. We are going to use our imaginations to create a sensory description of pestilence from the perspective of both peasants and princes in the Middle Ages.

Our learning:

- In Reading, our class texts will be 'See inside the Middle Ages' by Rob Lloyd Jones. The key skill that we will be focussing on in Reading is to make predictions based on the texts we are reading.
- In Writing, we will be producing diary entries from the perspective of a doctor working in the city during the Black Death. In addition to this we will be creating plague poems and pestilence personification letters from the perspective of the rats that caused the Black Death.
- In Maths, we have a shape and geometry focus, followed by units and measurements.
- In Science, we will be learning about the life cycle of a human from birth to death, including how to lead a healthier life.
- In History, we will be looking at how society was organised during the Middle Ages. We will investigate the causes and effects of the Black Death.
- In P.E. we are applying skills effectively to participate in 'bat and ball' games.
- In PSHE, we will be working on our growth mindset through the programme 'Happy Minds'.
- In Art, we will be creating still life paintings in the style of Paul Cezanne.
- In Music, we will be improvising and composing music as the soundtrack to our poetry.

Can we please ask that you support your child at home in ensuring they know fluently, their times tables (we recommend using Times Tables Rockstars website).

We expect that they are reading each day independently and to you and they have opportunities to be read to by an adult. Can we ask that you also ensure that weekly homework is completed on time.

You can also use the information on their Knowledge Organisers to test their recall of facts and their understanding of the new vocabulary listed.

If you require any additional information, please contact your child's class teacher who will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team



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Dates for your Diaries:

- 10th June – Rowan Class Library Visit
- 11th June – Maple Class Library Visit
- 13th June – Sycamore Class Library Visit
- 14th June – DT Afternoon: Parents invited to help build Birdhouses
- 21st June – Non-school Uniform Day
- 25th June – Year 5 Trip to Blackpool Zoo
- To Be Confirmed – Sports Day