

A note from Mrs. Gillett

Happy Easter everybody; I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break! The children have been working incredibly hard over the last term and I am very proud of all of their hard work. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child is punctual and attends school every day. Last half term year 5 won the attendance award twice and hopefully we will win it again in the coming half term.

**Year 5
Newsletter**

Important Reminders:

Year 5 will be continuing with their PE lessons on a Tuesday afternoon. As the weather is improving, we will hopefully be using the outdoor area more so please ensure that your child brings appropriate outdoor and indoor PE kit (White t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms, trainers or plimsols).

This term in class we are learning about...

Our topic for this half-term is called: Peasants, Princes and Pestilence! Children will be looking at The Plague. They will be finding out how and where it originated, how it spread and how it affected the people of Britain. The children will be asked to analyse a range of sources to learn more about how people tried to protect themselves from the plague, how it was diagnosed and beliefs people held about suitable treatments. Children will then develop their understanding of social classes and hierarchies, looking in detail at the typical life of a knight, a king and a peasant. In science, the children will be comparing the life-cycle of different creatures and explaining how this may have contributed to the rapid spread of the plague. In D&T, we will be exploring how things were recorded in medieval times through printing and making our own medieval books. We will bind them using techniques such as sewing.

Homework:

Homework this half term will still be given via the spellingshed website. This will consist of one maths activity and one spelling activity per week, which will support your child's work in class. This work will be set on a Wednesday afternoon and should be completed by the following Wednesday morning. If any children struggle to access this work at home school provide an afterschool club for homework.

Please make sure that you read with your child regularly. Each child has a library book and a guided reading book. Which will be changed regularly.

Educational Visits and assemblies this half term:

Friday 24th May 2019 – Year 5 Opal afternoon, please make sure your child brings appropriate outdoor clothing to change into.

