



Thursday 4th April

Dear Parents,

Over the half-term, to get the children engaged for next term's project, 'Peasants, Princes and Pestilence', the children can create their own rat or rats. These rats will be used to decorate the classroom when we return. This sudden influx of rats within Year 5 will bring with it an outbreak of the Black Death.

Next term, we will be learning about all things gruesome, including the changes that someone went through once they were infected by the Black Death and how the deadly disease spread across Europe. We will have a visit from the revolting Pestilence and will be asking questions about his love of death. Although guarantees cannot be made, we will try our best to keep all of the children safe from his clutches. For those with fainter stomachs, we will also be learning about the hierarchy of different social classes within the period of the Black Death, including knights and kings.

For our 'Wow Day', when we return to school, the children will be making their own journals, based on 14th century books, to record some of our work. We will be looking at images depicting scenes of the Black Death, thinking about how people viewed the Black Death and why death is often shown as a figure. In addition, we will be thinking of our own questions to ask Pestilence ready for his visit. If your child has any books or information relating to the Black Death at home, please encourage them to bring it in to school with them.

Next term, the children will be taking part in Rounders, Cricket and Athletics within P.E. Please make sure that your child's full P.E kit, including trainers, top and shorts, comes into school on a Monday and we will send it home on a Friday.

I hope you have an enjoyable Easter break.

Yours faithfully,

Miss A Milson

(Year 5 Teacher)