



Year 5 – Kestrels

Autumn 2020 Curriculum Letter



Welcome back to Great Barford Primary. I hope that you have had a restful summer and that the children are ready for an exciting year in year 5! Our first topic for this half term is 'Peasants and Princes' with a historical focus looking at:

- 14th Century Britain
- Life in Medieval times
- 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, personification poetry, diary from the POV of a citizen, letter writing and a persuasive debate speech on the Peasants' Revolt. **In reading**, we will be using the scheme 'Vipers', exploring texts 'Castles' and 'The Canterbury Tales' whilst looking at vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain, retrieve and summarise. Please ensure that your child reads daily and this is recorded.

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 and for homework we will be using 'Maths with parents'. (More information about this will follow once we have settled back into school).

In PE, we will be doing athletics and yoga and health based activities. Our PE days are Wednesday and Friday. 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. They need their PE kit in school every day, and they will bring it home on a Friday to be washed.*

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 properties of materials.

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

In Music, children will be focusing 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 email school. I am always happy to discuss anything that is important to you and your child. I look forward to an exciting and engaging year of learning and getting back into the swing of things safely.

Mrs Humphrey