

Year 5 – Peasants, Princes and Pestilence

**Geography**

* Use a map of the UK to identify castles of the Middle Ages. Make a scrapbook or journal to research facts about one of them. Be prepared to present your scrapbook to others.

**Art and DT**

* Make a model rat out of papier mâché. Paint it to make it look realistic. Take a picture of your rat in different places but try not to scare anyone!
* Design a coat of arms for your family. What symbols would you use and what would they represent? What would be your family motto?

**History**

* Search your local library to find out if the plague of the 14th century affected a village or town near you. What information can you find out?
* Write a letter to a child of the 21st century, imagining you are a peasant child of the 14th century. What could you tell them about your life?

**Science**

* Find out what happens when something decomposes. Place an apple core, orange or grape in a transparent container and watch as it decomposes.

Document what happens.