

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our new topic, "Peasants, Princes and Pestilence" sees us travel back in time to 14th Century England. Life was tough! We'll find out about the Black Death, the feudal system and the peasants' revolt. Take a sneaky peek at the attached resources to find out some interesting information about our new topic.

In maths, we'll be continuing our learning about fractions. As we move through these sessions, children will rely heavily on their recall of multiplication facts, so the more practise they can get on TTRS, the better. Look out for more competitions this half term to get everyone motivated!

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

Our learning in Science will be about Light. There are some great videos and resources to support your child's learning in science at home on the Oak Academy website here:

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year/year-6/subjects/science>

In RE, we will be learning about what is meant by the name 'Messiah' and why Christians believe Jesus may be considered a saviour. We'll be learning to perform songs such as, 'Let you feel my love', 'Dance Monkey' and 'Fresh Prince of Belair' using ukuleles, glockenspiels and Boom-Whackers. In computing, we'll spend some time using apps to edit digital images and create our own videos, discussing the impact that editing can have on our audience. In PE, we will be travelling to Tiverton swimming pool each Monday afternoon for swimming sessions.

We'll also be continuing links with our partners at Sanjivani International School in Mumbai, beginning with a project comparing Exmoor National Park with Sanjay Gandhi National Park. We hope to arrange a visit to Exmoor this half term to consolidate our learning. We will then begin to consider the UN Sustainable Development Goal 'Responsible Consumption' and visit the Energy for Waste plant in Exeter before beginning a shared project to consider ways in which we can all help to look after our planet for future generations.

Homework will continue to have the same format and structure this term. New tasks will be set each week on a Friday, and will be due in the following Friday. Children in Year 5 and Year 6 have maths, spelling and reading record tasks to complete. Children in Year 6 will also be given an additional reading comprehension task.

What a busy and exciting half term we have in store. As always, if you have any questions about your child's learning, please do get in touch via email at admin@witheridge.devon.sch.uk or feel free to find me on the playground at the end of the school day!

Thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Nott

