



Year 5/6 Homework Activities

Search the internet or 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?

Find out what happens when something decomposes. You could place an apple core, orange or grape in a transparent container and watch as it decomposes. Record what happens but don't open the container! When you have finished your investigation throw away the sealed container.

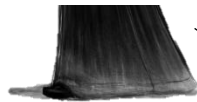
Collect unwanted boxes, cartons and cardboard from home. Use what you can find to construct a model castle.

Find out about the life cycles of rodents, fleas and bacteria. Can you explain how the characteristics of each caused the Black Death to spread so quickly?

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?



Could the Great Plague strike again?



Describe differences and similarities between domestic and wild rats.

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!

Draw the different stages of the plague from infection to death! Make sure you write a caption to explain each picture.

Invent your own magical potion to cure the deadly disease that killed millions. Include the recipe, along with step by step instructions on how to create the potion and administer it to the patient. Give reasons for your choice of ingredients.

You are the plague. Create a chilling poem or rap describing how you develop, infect and cause widespread destruction!

Create a crossword puzzle containing as many topic related words as you can think of. Challenge a friend or family member to see if they can find them all.





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Information for children and parents

Well done on starting your homework project!

- ✓ Over the next half-term you have been given the challenge to complete as many homework activities linked to our topic question `Could the Great Plague strike again?`
- ✓ Try and complete a minimum of four activities over the half-term.
- ✓ Each week we ask you to bring in one of your homework activities to share with your classmates. Each completed activity can then be ticked off.
- ✓ You could even complete other pieces of homework linked to the topic not included on your activity sheet. Be creative!