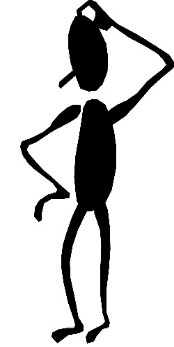
**Medieval Merriment**

**-- ‘Middle Ages Merryment’ -- ‘Medieaval Merriement’**

**Fun fact – spelling was VERY fluid in those days – you could play with spellings!**

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**Good questions!**

**“Medieval” or “Mediaeval” or “Middle Ages”**

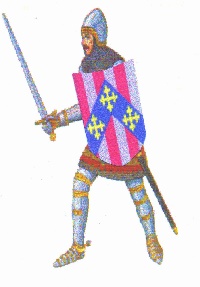
In England we usually think of *medieval* as meaning the time period between 1066 and about 1500. That is, from the invasion of William of Normandy to the start of the 16th century. However, more usually medieval is understood as starting from the end of the western Roman Empire in the 5th century. So it’s a period of about 1000 years.

In the 15th century there was an amazing movement called the Renaissance. It shaped thinking about the world. Renaissance thinkers felt themselves to be reborn and modern. They loved the ancient classical world, and they described the period in the middle as medieval or middle ages.

Today historians talk of the early, high and late Middle Ages.

**Middle Ages? ‘Middle’ of what?**

**What’s ‘medieval’ mean?**

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**Don’t you dismiss me as some sort of savage – the Middle Ages were actually HUGELY dynamic and important!**

**As we approach the festival, we will be helping you to learn all sorts of important things about the medieval period . This will be divided into:**

**Power and conflict** – things to do with who was in power, who wanted power and who was fighting about power.

**Faith and fears** – things to do with what people believed, what they worried about and what comforted and frightened them.

**Home and health** – things about everyday life, medicine and disease.

**Art and Architecture** – things about all things artistic and the way that these were used and funded.

**News and views** – things about what people were talking about, the big thinkers of the day and who was creating the gossip.

**Wider world** – things about the world beyond England’s shores and how it impacted upon the country.

**Medieval remains** – things about what is left of the medieval world and how it still impacts upon us today.