

CLASS 4 NEWSLETTER (TERM 3)

ANGLO-SAXONS

We hope you all had a happy and relaxing Christmas and New Year. We would like to express our thanks for the cards, gifts and best wishes that we received leading up to the Christmas break. We are looking forward to an exciting and productive 2017!

Topic:



Our topic for term 3 will be the Anglo-Saxons. Areas of study will include the Anglo-Saxon invasion of Britain and its impact on the history of our country. Anglo-Saxon settlements, food, clothing and day-to-day life will also be explored. In Geography, we will be learning about Anglo-Saxon place names and counties.

We will follow the time line of Anglo-Saxon history and next term we will be learning about the Viking and Norman invasions. Our art and some of our literacy lessons will also have an Anglo-Saxon theme. Please feel free to bring in any resources that you feel would support the topic e.g. books, photos or artefacts.

Literacy:



In literacy we will be covering a range of writing genres including:

- Myths and legends (Beowulf)
- How to Train your Dragon
- Report writing (with a particular focus on newspaper reports)
- Poetry

Reading:

We are really impressed with the reading progress so far in Class 4 – please support your child with their reading at home by encouraging them to read at least 5 times a week and letting them fill in their own reading records. Could we please also ask that an adult monitors home reading and signs/comments in reading records weekly?

Remember – individual reading books can be changed as and when necessary and we are more than happy for children to read books from home rather than school. Could we please request, however, that children try to read one book at a time as this makes it easier for us to assess their progress. Our library day is Wednesday.

<p>Spellings: Sentence of the week will continue as usual, with children being encouraged to focus on key words and spelling patterns as appropriate.</p>	<p>We will continue to follow the Year 4 units of work as set out in the <i>Read, Write Inc.</i> programme of study.</p>
<p>Maths: Speed times-tables tests will continue to take place on a weekly basis. Please continue to help your child learn their multiplication facts at home – don't forget to go back and revise the tables that they have already learnt.</p>	<p>In maths we will be covering ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place value • Fractions and decimals • Addition, subtraction and money • Measurement and data handling • Mathematical fluency and reasoning
<p>Science:</p>	<p>The focus of our science lessons this term will be on materials and their properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solids, liquids and gases • Changing states
<p>P.E.: For hygiene reasons we do not allow children to borrow P.E. kit so it is really important that children have a full kit in school at all times (this includes appropriate footwear and, at this time of year, long sleeved tops and trousers).</p>	<p>This term our PE sessions will be ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor games (Mondays) – hockey and fitness skills. • PPA (Fridays) – gym/dance
<p>ICT: We Are Composers</p>	<p>We will be using technology to compose and create music!</p>
<p>RE: Peace and reconciliation</p>	<p>This unit of work will focus on personal peace; dealing with conflict; and how religion creates a sense of peace.</p>
<p>Art:</p>	<p>This term we will be making Anglo-Saxon brooches, Anglo-Saxon houses, create illuminate letters and construct Sutton Hoo masks. We will also be weaving.</p>
<p>Music:</p>	<p>This term's music topic is samba drumming.</p>