

### English

This term, our English lessons will largely focus on the story 'Beowulf'. We will be following the Jane Considine approach to writing which is made up of experience days and sentence stacking to create a story. This will lead onto us writing our own narrative with a theme of bravery. We will also be writing Saxon kenning poetry inspired by the story.

Grammar will initially be a revision of word classes, followed by pronouns and determiners.

We will read a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts that relate to our history and science topics. Our whole class reading book is 'Anglo Saxon Boy' by Tony Bradman.

### Maths

We are following the White Rose Mastery Maths structure. This term we will be focusing on: place value; and addition and subtraction. We will also continue to practise our times tables.

### Topic

'Anglo Saxons' is predominantly history and geography based. We will begin by looking at the chronology of the Anglo Saxon period and understanding who they were, where they came from, where they settled and why? We will also study Saxon life, religion, laws, art and will investigate interesting artefacts such as those found at Sutton Hoo.

### Important Information

Please make sure that your child has their full PE kit in school every day. This must include a change of footwear that is appropriate for outdoor sports (trainers). Earrings should not be worn on PE days. We do not have anywhere secure to store earrings so, if possible, please do not send your child in their earrings on PE days. PE this term is on a Monday and a Wednesday (5:60).

Please read at home as often as possible (a minimum of 3 times a week) and ensure your child has their reading diary in school every day. Diaries will be checked, signed and Dojos given (to a maximum of 5 per week) on a Friday.

TT Rockstars will also be checked on a Friday. The minimum expectation is 3 games per week with Dojos being awarded per game (to a maximum of 5). Extra Dojos will be given to the class winner and those who have put in extra effort.

### **Y4 Autumn Term 1** **Why did the Anglo Saxons settle in Britain?**



### PE

This term, we will have 5/60 on a Wednesday. We will also be looking at a gymnastic unit based on mirroring and symmetry.

### RE

Our key question this term is: What can we learn from religions about deciding what is right & wrong?

### Music

We will be working on development of rhythm and pitch through the experience of playing hand bells in a small ensemble. We will introduce hand bell notation and interpret signs and symbols to perform in a group.

### Science

In our science lessons, we will be working scientifically by grouping and classifying a variety of materials according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases and will develop descriptions of these states. We will be observing that some materials, such as water, change state when they are heated or cooled and we will be measuring the temperature of this in degrees Celsius. We will also be exploring the effect of temperature on substances such as types of chocolate by making: predictions; careful observations; and asking relevant questions. We will record and report our findings using accurate scientific language.

### PSHE

This half term our theme will be 'Being Me'.

### French

'La Famille' We will learn to talk about who is in our family as well as things we have around the home.

### Art and Design Technology

We will begin by gathering images of Anglo Saxon manuscripts and will create our own illuminated letters based on our findings. We will also be looking at intricate Saxon patterns and printing techniques.

### Computing

This term, we will create programs by planning, modifying, and testing commands to create shapes and patterns. The children will use a program called Turtle Academy.