

Year 4 - Spring Term

Miss Bromage

Welcome back to Year 4.

This term we will be working on the theme of 'The Anglo-Saxons' and each of our subjects will interlink with this core theme.

English

This term, the children will be focusing on developing their grammar skills whilst studying the main features of suspense stories. We will be studying Michael Morpurgo's version of 'Beowulf'. Through this story, children will be depicting settings and describing their characters' feelings through actions; all of which will involve much discussion and role-play. Children will also be creating advertisements and newspaper reports. Time will be given to children to edit their independent work with the aim of improving grammar, spelling and punctuation. Children will then go on to explore some poetry as well as Libby Hathorn's story entitled 'Way Home'.

Maths

Each lesson starts with mental maths to develop rapid recall of number bonds, times tables or to consolidate previous learning. There will also be one lesson a week given to a maths investigation or a problem solving activity. This term will consist of addition and subtraction using the column method, counting in multiples of 9 and multiples of 7 forwards and backwards and using the formal method of short multiplication. Additionally, pupils will work on using properties of 2D shapes to solve problems and identifying lines of symmetry as well as calculating area and perimeter of shapes. We will be measuring mass and capacity.

History and Geography - Our topic this term will be based on the Anglo-Saxons. We will be looking at why and when they came to Britain and where they settled as well as the UK and Europe.

Art - The children will be creating longboats, helmets, shields, Anglo Saxon houses and jewellery.

Science - Our science topics are: Sound and Electricity. Within both topics, children will be carrying out experiments, and investigations.

Notices

PE is once a week - please bring in full kits on Thursdays.

Swimming is once a week - please bring in full swimming kits on Wednesdays including costume, goggles, swimming hat and a towel.

Homework is given out on Friday and collected on Tuesday.

Children should aim to read one book per week. Reading records to be signed daily and children are also encouraged to write a reflective comment.