



Autumn Term 2025

Parents' Curriculum Information

Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 4)



English



Our first topic is 'Anglo-Saxons' and pupils will write a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts related to their learning in this area, including chronological reports and recounts. To begin with, our book study will briefly focus on the story 'How to be a Viking' by Cressida Cowell before moving onto 'Anglo Saxon Boy' by Tony Bradman. The children will be reading the books in reading sessions and completing a range of linked writing tasks. Throughout the first half term, the children will focus on grammar and text-type writing building up to write their own adventure story. We will then move on to read 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo during which, we will be writing a newspaper report.

Spellings will be learnt in classes and pupils will practise using a range of activities across the week. (The words will be given at the start of each half term)

Maths



Year 4 pupils will have 5 lessons of maths per week. In this term, we will cover place value, all four calculations and measures (including length and perimeter) through a variety of activities linking to our topic work where it is appropriate. Links to our maths work will also be made across other curriculum areas to allow children to show the ways in which they can use their maths skills. In Year 4, we will continue to build on previous times tables knowledge in class with a variety of games as it is important they rapidly recall these up to the 12x tables. We will begin practising regularly for the Multiplication check that will take place in the summer term. Children can still also access Times Tables Rock Stars, using their own usernames and passwords, to allow for additional practise at home.



Science, History and Geography



Our main topic learning this term will investigate the lives of people from the Anglo-Saxon period. We will explore this through research, role play and questioning, from the end of the Roman era until the Norman invasion in 1066. We will be investigating Anglo-Saxon daily life and finding out where the invaders came from and how they changed Britain. In science, we will look at the changing state of materials as they are heated or cooled, including evaporation and condensation in the water cycle. Children will investigate how different materials can change state and how some of these changes can be reversed and others cannot. In addition, we will be learning about the simple functions of the digestive systems in humans and identify teeth.



Computing and Online Safety



In computing, children will look at the safe and responsible use of computer technology. This will include the safe and appropriate use of the internet, where children will consider possible dangers online and how to report anything they are uncomfortable with. They will also look at using spreadsheets and how these can be used to sort and order data linking to climate and measuring parts of the weather.



PSHE and RE



This term, our PSHE work will look at 'Being me in my world' and 'Celebrating Difference'. Some PSHE lessons can raise sensitive issues so should there be any topic that you think may affect your child, please let the class teacher know in advance. We will be looking at some aspects of the religions of Christianity and Islam, with some links made between the religions' prophets. A Class Council will take place every 2 weeks. At this informal meeting, children in a class have a chance to discuss issues in our school that they want taken to School Council.



PE



All classes will have two PE lessons each week. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on Tuesdays and Thursdays, particularly a warm tracksuit and trainers for outdoor PE as the weather turns cooler. Please ensure that all kit is clearly named. If you are unsure of the correct kit, please check with your class teacher or the office. Long hair must be tied back and pupils must remove all jewellery. Pupils should leave earrings at home or be able to remove them themselves (or have them taped if newly pierced) on specified PE days. Autumn term PE will cover netball and hockey skills. Both classes will then move onto learning gymnastics skills and how to play handball in the second half term.



Art, Music and Design and Technology



This term's art lessons will teach children about Sculpture and 3D art. We will explore a range of materials to make our own sculptures from a range of materials including wire and soap. We will look at a range of artists for inspiration. In DT, we will be creating a structure of an Anglo-Saxon house, this will include a study of Anglo-Saxon houses in a village layout. In music, children will be learning about the hand jive and rock 'n' roll before learning about adapting and transposing motifs.

Please see the monthly newsletters from Mr Pettitt or the calendar on our school website to keep up with key dates and events for our Year Group.

Have a wonderful Autumn term!
Mrs Goodenough, Mrs Vaughan and Mrs Cox

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