

# Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Autumn Half Term 2 - 2023

## Our theme for Autumn Term is:

# Smashing Saxons



## Our main foci are:

- To find out how life was for the Anglo-Saxons and how it differs from modern life.
- To discover why the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain.
- To learn about the Battle of Hastings and the end of the Anglo-Saxons.
- To find out about how Anglo-Saxons impacted our history and geography.

## Our theme will last for:

9 weeks

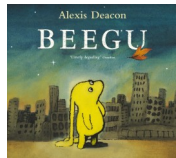
## French

As part of French, we will be learning the core vocabulary e.g. numbers 1-20, colours and the days of the week.



## Behaviour and safety

Our focus this half term is about saying no to bullying. Behaviour and Safety sessions will focus on the different types of bullying and how this affects our behaviour. Children will have a deeper understanding of how bullying can come in different forms. We will also learn about the British Value of Individual liberty.



## P.S.H.E.

In this half term, we will be reading 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. This story teaches children the importance of empathy and being welcoming to others. This half term includes 'Anti-Bullying Week' and so we will learn the definitions of bullying as well as what we can do about it.

## P.E.

To keep us fit and healthy during the Autumn term 2, we are going to take part in a range of invasion games, with a focus on football. We will learn how to move into spaces whilst learning attacking and defending skills.

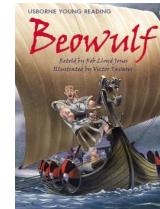
Please can we remind you that children need to have their P.E. kits in school on **Friday**.

The kit must include **black shorts or joggers, a white t-shirt and indoor and outdoor shoes.**

## English:

This half term, we will be reading the exciting adventure novel of Beowulf retold by Rob Lloyd Jones. The children will be learning about the famous warrior and in particular one of his famous stories where he came up against the monster Grendel. As part of our novel study, we will be looking at:

- Grammar recap of writing non-negotiables
- Creating a newspaper article with speech describing the attack from Grendel.
- Writing a character description for Grendel.
- Writing a new adventure story for Beowulf including speech.
- Reading into the book and using our inference skills to find evidence to support our ideas.



The children will be taking part in weekly guided reading sessions and, where possible, we will be linking in Anglo-Saxon texts. It would be wonderful if you could ask your child about the stories they have been reading.

## History

During 'Amazing Anglo-Saxons', we are going to be discovering who, when and where the Anglo-Saxons were. We will discover (and experience!) how different their lives were from our own. The children will have the opportunity to write secret messages in runes, find out about Alfred the Great and Edward the Confessor as well as the dramatic downfall of the Anglo-Saxons at the Battle of Hastings in 1066! And of course, we will discover just how the Anglo-Saxons kept those pesky Vikings off their backs!

## Geography

We will be developing our knowledge of map reading and looking at Saxon settlements. We will learn how to describe different places in relation to one another using directional language.



## Computing

We will be using the beebots and Scratch to design and write algorithms to achieve specific goals.

## Mathematics

Throughout this half term, we will be covering a wide variety of mathematical skills and linking it through our topic. We will be learning about:

- Exploring 2D shapes.
- Perimeter of shapes.
- Angles within a shape and turns.
- Parallel and perpendicular lines.
- Horizontal and vertical lines.
- Adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers with a column method.
- Mental methods for adding and subtracting.
- Solving problems with money.
- Measuring centimetres, grams and millilitres.



By now your child will have received their Times Tables Rock Stars log-in details. If you cannot locate them, please let your child's class teacher know. On Times Tables Rock Stars, children can compete against others or practise on their own. Please encourage them to log-in regularly to support their learning.

## Art

During this topic, we have got some fantastic art projects coming up! We will be working with paper mâché and looking at sculptures, with inspiration from famous sculpture Auguste Rodin.



## Religious Education

During our R.E. lessons, we will be focusing on Sikhism and looking at:

- Sikhism symbols and their meanings.
- Traditional clothes that Sikhs wear.
- Important Sikh people.
- The key beliefs that Sikhs follow.



## Music

We will be learning the song 'Three Little Birds' on the glockenspiel and learning to read musical notes.

## Shared home learning:

Please encourage your child to read 10-15 minutes everyday. We encourage Year 3 children to gain some independence so we would like your child to write in their own Reading Journal. Your child can gain points each time they read, which they can then exchange for prizes. Optional homework (Math. and English) is also set on Seesaw on a weekly basis. If you need help connecting to Seesaw, then please see your child's class teacher.



## Dates for your diary

w/c 23rd October—Black History Week  
Monday 30th October—Wonder Day  
w/c 30th October—Maths. Investigation Week  
8th and 9th November—School photos

Friday 10th November—R.E Day  
w/c 13th November—Anti-bullying week  
Friday 24th November—INSET Day  
Wednesday 29th November—French Day

w/c 4th December—Hour of Code Week  
Wednesday 6th December—Christmas Fayre  
Friday 22nd December—INSET Day  
Anglo-Saxon Day—TBC