

Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Spring Half Term 1 - 2023

Our theme for Spring 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:

6 weeks + 3 days

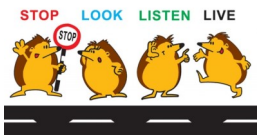
French

As part of French, we will be learning about Ancient Britain, including the stone-age and bronze-age eras.



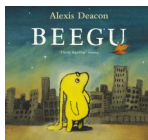
Behaviour and safety

For behaviour and safety, we will be learning about road safety and the Green Cross code. Children will also take part of Safer Internet Week.



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.



P.E.

We can't wait for P.E. this half term because we are going to be focusing on dance! We will learn about different types of dance as well as learning dance routines. We will then use all of these ideas to create our own fabulous dance routines.

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

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 non-negotiables
- Creating a newspaper article with speech describing the attack from Grendel.
- Writing character and setting descriptions.
- 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 by learning how to use a compass. We will learn how to describe different places in relation to one another using directional language.



Computing

We will be using the Bee-Bots 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:

- One to two step problems
- Comparing and ordering fractions
- Finding fractions of different amounts and shapes
- Recognising and finding equivalent fractions
- Investigating statistics and bar graphs.



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 mache and looking at sculptures, with inspiration from famous sculpture Auguste Rodin.



Religious Education

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

- Temptation - Focusing on the story of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden.
- Lent and Easter - What it is and why Christians celebrate it.



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

Crystal Maze Maths: Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th January

World Religion Day: Friday 13th January

History Day: Wednesday 25th February.

National Story Telling Week: Monday 30th January

Safer Internet Day: Monday 13th February

Children's Mental Health Week: Monday 6th February

LGBT+ History Day: Friday 10th February

