

Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Autumn Half Term 2 - 2024

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:

8 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.

We will be exploring our feelings and emotions, as well as our relationships with others. We will begin defining different relationships and work on how we can maintain healthy bonds with 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.

In our P.E sessions, we are going to be learning gymnastics! Children will be developing the control of their bodies and their balance (tricky stuff!) while creating and performing short sequences, both individually and in small groups.



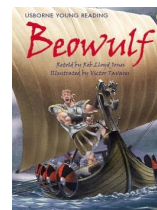
Please can we remind you that children need to have their P.E. kits in school on **Friday**.

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:

- A 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 in 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 answering the question, "What stories do music tell us about the past?" We will be using the Glockenspiels to learn how to play in a band.

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 28th Oct —Black History Week
Monday 4th Nov —Wonder Afternoon
w/c 4th Nov —Maths. Investigation Week
w/c 11th Nov —Anti-Bullying Week

Tues 12th & Thurs 14th Nov—Parents Evening
Weds 13th Nov—Anglo-Saxon Day
Thurs 28th Nov—R.E. Day
Fri 29th Nov—INSET Day

Fri 6th Dec —ARH Spelling Bee
w/c 9th Dec—Hour of Code Week
Weds 4th December—Christmas Fayre