

Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Autumn Half Term 2 - 2025

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 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.

This half term we will be focusing on responsibilities and looking at how they change as we get older. We will look at a range of scenarios and how we should react.

No Outsiders

We will be reading the book 'We're All Wonders' by R.J Palacio. We will look at what a bystander is.

P.E.

In our P.E. sessions, we are going to be learning gymnastics! Children will be developing 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 **Thursday**.

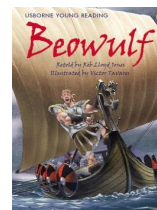
The kit must include **black shorts or joggers, a white t-shirt and indoor and outdoor shoes**.

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:

- Writing a setting description of the Great Hall in Denmark.
- 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 how different their lives were from our own. The children will have the opportunity to write secret messages in runes, and find out what life was like during those times. 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 understand why they settled where they did and look how land use has changed over time.



Computing

We will be using the Beebots and Scratch JR to design and write algorithms to create an animation based on an Anglo-Saxon settlement.

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 (written methods.)
- 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.

Religious Education

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

- How they worship and care for others.
- What are key objects and symbols.
- How senses are important during worship.
- How Humanists care for others (non religious worldview)



Music

We will learn how to read, write and perform from musical notation. We will be using the notes C, D, E and G to perform to a small audience.

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 27th Oct — Black History Week
Friday 1st Nov — Wonder Afternoon
w/c 10th Nov — Anti-Bullying Week

Tues 11th & Thurs 13th Nov — Parents and Carers Evening
W/C 24th Nov—Anglo-Saxon Day
Fri 28th Nov—INSET Day

Fri 12th Dec — ARH Spelling Bee
Weds 3rd December—Christmas Fayre
w/c 15th Nov — Maths. Investigation Week

