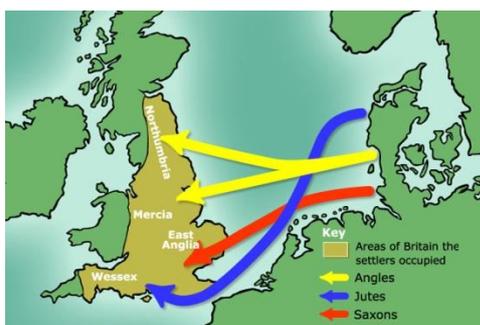


Year 4 Newsletter Term 1

Smashing Saxons!

This term, our topic is Smashing Saxons! Ruby and Maroon will take on the role of historians to investigate England's rich history of invaders and settlers, starting in the 5th Century.



English

In our English lessons, we will be learning about and writing Kenning poems about Beowulf and Grendel. We will then move on to 'Jim a Cautionary Tale' where the children will write their own adaptations. We will also be writing non-chronological reports incorporating our knowledge of Anglo-Saxons. We will begin to learn different literary techniques to further our writing. We will also begin developing our editing skills using variety strategies to improve our writing.

Maths

In Maths, we will learn about place value and order large numbers. We will learn mental and formal methods for addition and subtraction with up to four digit numbers. We will explore fractions as well as one step and two word problems. We will begin developing our reasoning skills by using specific Math language. Every day, we will practice our timetables using Time Table Rockstars.

Science

In science, we will be learning about the Digestive System; naming organs and their role in the process of digesting food. We will investigate teeth and identify their functions. Linked to this we will also learn about different food chains.

Topic

Our main topic focus will be History. We will be finding out about who invaded Britain in 449AD and from where, and the names of the places where they settled and how Anglo Saxons lived their day to day lives. We will be looking at artefacts to find clues about the ancient ship burials in Sutton Hoo and taking part in an Anglo Saxon workshop to bring history back to life. We will also learn about Anglo-Saxon gods/goddesses.

P.E

This term, we will be learning the key skills required for football and gymnastics. Both classes will have P.E every Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday afternoon. Please make sure your child has appropriate kit (trainers, black, blue or grey jogging bottoms and a white t-shirt). This needs to be separate to their school uniform (and is not worn underneath their school uniform). **Please make sure your child has their name written in all of their clothing.**

In order to maximise learning time, children will not change back into their school uniform after their P.E lesson. The children will bring their school uniform home with them and will need to return it ready for their next P.E lesson. If you need your child to change back into their school uniform, please see their class teacher.

Home learning

Home Learning will be issued on a Friday and due back in the following Wednesday. Your child will have one piece of English homework, one piece of Maths homework and spellings each week. They will also be given a topic based project to complete throughout the term. It is really important that children are practicing times tables at home, because these form the foundations for much of the Maths work we are doing in class. Children are expected to be able to randomly recall their times tables up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4. Please support your child in working towards this.

Dates for the diary:

- **Wednesday 17th October 2018:** Parents Evening 3:30pm – 7:00pm

If you have any questions or concerns please speak to your child's class teacher.
Jen Hardy and Colette La Touche (Maroon Class) and Annabelle Jaiyawong (Ruby Class)

For Term 1, we are planning an Anglo-Saxon learning experience which will help the children to learn about Anglo Saxons life style, history and culture by bringing their learning alive.

***If you have not yet paid your £20 annual contribution, please can you do so as soon as possible to ensure this trip/visitor can take place.
Regretfully, if we do not receive enough contributions, then we will be unable to run some of the trips and experiences we have planned. Many thanks***