

Year 4 Newsletter Term 1 Autumn 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. As part of our topic we will be immersed in an Anglo Saxon all-day workshop to bring our topic to life.



English

In our English lessons, we will be learning about and writing Kenning poems about Beowulf and Grendel. We will then move on to The Mysteries of Harris Burdick, a story told through beautiful illustrations to inspire the children to write their own mystery stories. These will be based upon a place of local interest, of which the children will have collected photographs or images to publish alongside the stories for others to read.

Maths

In Maths, we will be focusing on basic number skills, place value and rounding as well as mental and written calculations involving addition and subtraction. We will also be using and applying these skills in different contexts. We will be continuously working on all the times tables up to 12 x 12. We will also be using Maths across the curriculum to develop mathematical thinking skills, such as sequencing, sorting and logical thinking.

Science

In Science, we will be looking at different types of teeth and their purpose and describing the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans. We will be demonstrating what the different parts of the body do and studying the healthiness of different foods. We will also be looking at food chains and identifying producers, predators and prey. Our practical activities will include investigations such as looking at how different foods can affect our teeth.

Topic

Our main topic focus will be History. We will be finding out about who invaded Britain in 449AD and from where. We will look at 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 learn about Anglo Saxon gods and look at their art and culture. We will look at the creation and the story behind the Bayeux tapestry and children will sketch, paint and recreate it. In Computing we will be using PowerPoint to present a report about Anglo Saxons and 'I can animate' to present how the digestive system works. We will also be looking at how to conduct ourselves safely online. The focus in R.E is Christianity and we will be learning about the role of the local parish church. In SRE we will be studying the human life cycle.

P.E

This term, we will be learning the key skills required for football and gymnastics. Both classes will have a PE session every Tuesday and Wednesday.

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.**

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 recall their times tables up to 12x12 by the end of year 4. Please support your child in working towards this.

Blogging is not compulsory but is a great way for your child to improve their Literacy and Computing skills at home. All children have been given a copy of their username and password to take home: <http://www.crownlane.lambeth.sch.uk/blogs/>

Dates for the diary:

18th September Anglo Saxon day

Please look at the school website to see the children's learning in action!
www.crownlane.lambeth.sch.uk

If you have any questions or concerns please speak to your child's class teacher.
Emma Ahlas (Maroon Class) and Annabelle Jaiyawong (Ruby Class).