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# Curriculum Overview w Year 4



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Spring Term 2019

## ANGLO-SAXONS – Invaders Or Settlers?

This term we are looking at a history based topic. We are learning about where the Anglo-Saxons came from, why they came to Britain, what their villages were like and how they lived. We will look at the local history of King Alfred The Great and discover how people in the past influence our lives today.

### English

In English, we will be basing our learning on the story of 'Beowulf', a historical tale with dramatic events that unfold. We will be using this within our English work to focus on narrative writing and improving our vocabulary choices.

We will also be writing a balanced argument about whether King Alfred was "Great" and writing a formal letter to another school following our class trip.

### PSHE

This half term the focus will be on what makes a family and how changes in families can affect our everyday lives.

Our IGNITE value is "Never Give Up" so we will be analysing and improving our ability to persevere, try new methods and ideas and achieve our goals by never giving up on ourselves!

### Maths

This term we will continue studying multiplication and division, focussing really hard on learning our 6, 7, 8 and 9 times tables. As much as possible, our maths will be linked to our topic and real life situations to help us understand these sometimes confusing concepts.

We will then move on to shapes and measurement, applying our basic maths skills to new situations and contexts.

### Knowledge & Understanding

**Science-** We will continue our habitat longitudinal study of our chosen area in the copse, looking at how the season conditions have affected the plant-life and the creatures that live there.

**ICT-** We will be using Scratch to compose music linked to Beowulf and make up riddles to solve.



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### Physical Education (PE)

This half– term in Year 4 we are focusing on the skills and tactics in cricket. In our indoor session we are doing a dance unit.

**Please remember kit!**  
PE day is Friday.

### Creative Curriculum

**R.E- Trees** – looking at how trees are used as symbols in Christianity. We will also be learning about Mary Holy Mother of God.

**Art-** linked to our history topic we will be learning about illuminated letters, what they were used for, stories behind them and making our own.

**Outdoor Learning-**The children will make a den and build a fire to tell stories around whilst eating their Anglo-Saxon stew.

### Reminders and Events –

Library Time – Wednesdays

PE day - Fridays

7.1.19 – INSET Day

13.2.19 – Outdoor Learning morning

15.2.19 – Parent Outcome 9.15-10.00am Anglo-Saxon feast

### Ideas for home

Please continue to read aloud at home to a grown-up.

By making a note of this reading in their diary, they will earn a raffle ticket for every 5 times they read.

Homework will be given out every Thursday to be completed by the following Tuesday.

Please continue to help your child learn their multiplication tables!