

Year 3/4 Topic Overview

Spring 1: Anglo Saxon Settlement

English

In English we will be reading the thrilling tale of Beowulf and using it to inspire our own writing, including descriptions of mythical beasts.

Maths

Both Year 3s and Year 4s will be covering written methods for multiplication and division. Later in the half term, we will look at length and perimeter.

Science

Our science unit this half term is all about sound. We will be learning how sound is made and how it travels.

History

In history we will be learning about the settlement of the Anglo Saxons in Britain, their kingdoms and their conflict with the Vikings. We will be developing our chronological understanding and using historical enquiry skills to find out about every day life too.

RE

Our big questions is: Is it possible to achieve complete peace of mind? We will be learning about Buddhist ways of life, and about how Humanists view happiness and how to go about finding it.

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Computing

Our focus this half term is creating media and we will be making stop frame animations based on the adventures of Beowolf using software such as iMotion

PE

This half term the Year 4s will be off to do their swimming lessons while the Year 3s learn some hockey skills. Both year groups will also continue with gymnastics.

Art

Our focus for art this half term is sculpture. We will be learning how to join different pieces of clay and using tools to add Anglo Saxon patterns.

Music

The children will be using active listening skills to explore the genre of classical music.

PSHE

Our PSHE units this half term are:

- My Emotions - children will be learning how to recognise and communicate their emotions. This will include developing strategies to move from an uncomfortable state of mind to a calmer one.
- RSE - children will be learning to identify the main stages of the human lifecycle, the correct names for parts of the human body and some of the responsibilities that grown ups have. Year 4s will also begin to learn about how male and female bodies begin to change as they grow older.

Spanish

We will be learning vocabulary for colours and shapes, then using these words to describe images.