




During this term, our theme is:
What impact did the Anglo-Saxons have on Britain?

Below are the areas that we are covering



Curriculum Area	Areas to be taught in school	Possible activities to be done at home
English	This half term, we will begin by focusing on story writing and base our work on the short story of 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan. We will explore the story structure; the morals expressed within it and write our own version of The Lost Thing. 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' will be the next text for our English learning. This story is both heart-warming and funny where the main character is a prankster that causes several problems for the children in his class.	Please children can read at home regularly and practise spellings. We really appreciate your support in these areas. If your child is a keen writer, maybe they could create a story and then they could read it to you, a sibling or other family member.
Maths	Our Maths this term continues to feature the four operations using formal methods. The focus has progressed to short multiplication and division and using their knowledge to apply to problem solving. Alongside this, we will be extending our geometry knowledge by identifying properties of a range of different shapes- this includes calculating area.	In order to be successful in multiplication and division, a sound grasp and recall of times tables facts is essential. Please encourage your child to practise their times tables at home using the Times Table Rockstars game, which is available on the internet and as an app.
Science Physics	This half term we are learning about forces around us in the world. We will be learning about the different kinds of forces, how to measure forces and conducting a series of experiments to see a range of forces around us in action. We will also look at the work of some famous scientists who have contributed significantly to our knowledge of forces, such as Sir Isaac Newton.	Research forces around us in the world, including pushes and pulls, gravity, air resistance and friction. Can your child find or create any of their own experiments to learn about these forces and prove they exist?
History	Our History this half term focuses on the Anglo Saxons – who were they? This is a fascinating unit of History and marks an important time within British History. Amongst many other things, we shall study: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why they raided Britain? • Life in an Anglo-Saxon settlement • Anglo-Saxon artefacts • Their religious beliefs • Why the conversion to Christianity was so important in Britain. We can't wait to dive into this topic!	If children would like to learn more about the Anglo Saxons at home, then either the library or the internet are great places to start. Any research could then be brought into school in a range of ways – a poster, PowerPoint, story, fact file, model, a piece of Art or even some Anglo-Saxon baking!

Computing	Our computing topic will have an overarching theme of digital literacy. Throughout this topic we will gain the skills that will ensure we stay safe whilst using the internet. Alongside this, we will continue to develop our coding skills to build and create games using Scratch.	Encourage your children to be safe on the internet and discuss the importance of being safe when sharing things online. You can also encourage children to practise using appropriate software on their devices at home.
Religious Education	<p>In RE this half term, we are considering how Christians live. Our main focus in this area is ‘What would Jesus do?’ This will focus on some of the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you work out what mattered to Jesus from 10 things he said? What was his ‘mission statement’? • What is the importance of the value of love? How did Jesus teach his followers to love? • How do Christians today try to follow Jesus’ teaching about justice and fairness? • What does the teaching of Jesus have to say about some problems people face today? What would Jesus do? 	Talk to those at home about religion – what are their beliefs and views? It may be helpful to research Christianity further, or even research another major religion to compare it to Christianity.
Physical Education	Over the coming weeks, our PE focus will be gymnastics. This will include learning basic acrobatic skills and how to be safe when performing. We will work on balancing and using our core strength to ensure our balances and rolls are successful and presenting these skills in a sequence, working alongside a partner.	<p>Please ensure your child wears the correct PE kit on our PE day which is Tuesday. This should be black shorts and a plain white T-shirt. Appropriate footwear is also required. Please also ensure your child does not wear jewellery during these sessions.</p> 
Art	In Art, we will focus on drawing and sketching. We will be using Henri Rousseau’s ‘Tiger in a Tropical Storm’ painting from 1891 as a stimulus for our learning. We will use a range of sketch pencils and coloured pencils to focus on creating a layered piece which incorporates an animal.	Encourage children to take time looking at the natural world around them, including colours and textures. They could even spend time learning how to draw trees and leaves accurately.
Relationships Education	Our focus for the coming half term is health and wellbeing. Our initial focus will be around how we can look after ourselves and our bodies such as eating healthy and maintaining good hygiene.	Encourage the children to think carefully about their bodies and how we can look after them by maintaining a healthy diets and doing regular exercise. You may also want to discuss how we can keep our mind healthy. You could participate in some exercise activities with the children too.
French	In French this half term, we will be learning how to introduce ourselves, greet other people and begin to hold conversations in more detail.	Practise using the French vocabulary learned in school at home or with friends. Can your child teach anyone any new French words or impress them with any phrases you have learned?