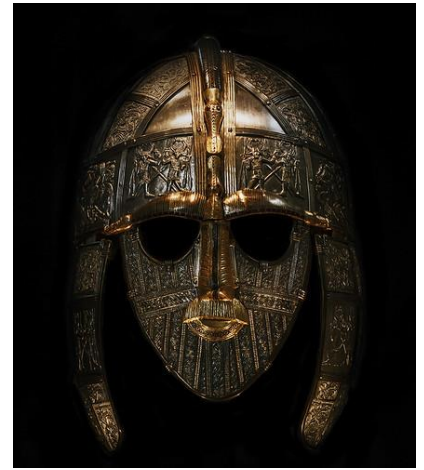




Northenden Community School

Curriculum Information for Parents



Class Year 4 (Mrs Gray & Mr Jones)

Term Spring 2 2025

Theme How hard was it to invade & settle in Britain with a focus on Anglo Saxons

THE BIG IDEA

In this unit of work, we will be exploring the challenges faced by different groups invading and settling in Britain. It highlights key events and figures, including the Anglo-Saxon and Viking invasions, the establishment of kingdoms and the role of Christian missionaries.

KEY CURRICULUM SKILLS



In READING lessons, the children will ...

- Continue to develop reading and understanding through inference and deduction
- Discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination
- Check that the text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and explaining the meaning of words in context.



In WRITING lessons, the children will ...

- Write a **narrative** and a **non-fiction** piece of writing in the form of an opening to an adventure story. They will also explore Kenning poetry and learn about the features of a non-chronological report linking to the History topic.
- Study the poem 'Beowulf' to tie in with the history topic with a focus on descriptions and characters
- Recap the use of coordinating and subordinating conjunctions.
- Identify and use adverbial phrases accurately use commas after or before adverbial phrases
- Accurately use commas after and/or before subordinate clause
- Learn about possessive apostrophes



In MATHEMATICS lessons, the children will

- Recall and use multiplication and division facts for tables up to 12 x 12.
- Recognise and show, using diagrams, families of common equivalent fractions.
- Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator.
- Understand improper fractions.
- Convert mixed numbers to improper fractions.

In Science we will ...

- Continue to investigate solids, liquids or gases.
- Observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled
- Measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C)
- Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.

In HISTORY we will learn about ...

- Why the Anglo Saxons invaded Britain
- The impact of the invasion
- Settlements and how they changed
- How the Anglo Saxons influenced Britain's culture
- Different beliefs

In French we will learn how to ...

- Correctly pronounce sounds
- Greet others
- Learn names of objects

In ART AND DESIGN we will ...

- mix tints and shades by adding black or white paint to create a final painting that shows an understanding of how colour can be used to show light and dark and therefore show 3-D.

In MUSIC we will ...

- Learn about about the history of rock and roll music and performing with a sense of 'style'.

In PSHCE we will ...

- Learn about Healthy Lifestyles

In RELIGIOUS EDUCATION we will ...

- Learn about the festivals of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and finding out 'How do family life and festivals show what matters to Jewish people?'

In Computing, pupils will....

- Understand what decomposition is and how to apply it to solve problems using SCRATCH.

PE lessons will take place on MONDAYS.

In our PE lessons, the children will ...



- Apply their sending and receiving and counterbalance skills with a partner through focused skill development sessions, healthy competition, cooperative games and group Personal Best challenges.
- Please can you ensure that your child/children have the correct kit on that day. Thank you.



OTHER INFORMATION

- Mathematics Homework will continue to be set every other Thursday by Mr Jones and English Homework by Mrs Gray every other week on a Friday.
- The children have a weekly spelling test on Fridays.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME BY ...



- Reading with them and sharing in their learning on a regularly (daily) basis;
- Practising multiplication tables and their corresponding division facts using TTRS;
- Ensuring that homework is completed on time and to the best of their ability.