

Literacy:



In Literacy we are kicking off with a fantastic book called 'The Land of Roar' by Jenny McLachlan. This book will be used as hook to write adventure stories for our own mystical lands in the first half of the half term.

In the second half of this half term we will use our topic work around the Anglo Saxons to drive our writing outcomes..

In Autumn 2 our Literacy unit will be driven by **Aboriginal Australia** Children will explore Dreamtime stories and write their own. Following the exploration of Australian culture and wildlife in Art and Science children will be given the opportunity to write non-chronological reports on something of their choice.

Shared Reading - We will initially share the book *Cakes in Space* - a thrilling adventure story about carnivorous cakes. We will then delve into some non-fiction texts and poetry as the term goes on developing our reading skills across the breadth of different text types.

Music:



Year 4 are lucky enough to have Mr Brooks from the Hampshire Music Service continuing to teach us. This term we will be playing African percussion. There will be a concert at the end of the term to showcase the children's skills and learning.

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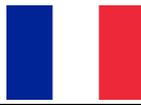
Anglo Saxons



Trips and Visits

As you already know **Thursday 12th September** we visit Hilliers Gardens, for a packed day; recreating an archaeological dig, discovering and exploring Anglo Saxon artefacts, making and cooking around the fire and den building. This will be a wonderful opportunity for children to dive straight into our topic.

French



This term will cover colours, animals, adjectives and feminine and masculine nouns.

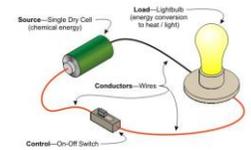
Numeracy:



During this term the children will be working with:

- Place value in 4 digit numbers
- Adding and subtracting 4 digit numbers using column method.
- Finding fractions of amounts
- Children will be multiplying and dividing by 1, 10, and 100.
- All times tables and corresponding division facts to be secured.

Science:



Electricity: Children will explore, draw, label and create simple circuits. Children will also think about and investigate conductors and insulators.

Classification - As scientists the children will be learning about animals in the local environment. They will be learning how to classify animals using scientific language such as vertebrates and invertebrates.

History



As historians in Year 4 we will be immersing ourselves in life in Britain during the Anglo Saxon period. This will begin immediately with our trip to Hillier's involving an archaeological dig and taking part in activities replicating Anglo Saxon life. The children will be looking at what life was like during this time and how it changed, impacting on the society of Britain we live in now.

We will be finding out about how people lived and where they were settled. This will lead us to ask the question - How many towns and football teams they know are named based on the landscape during Anglo Saxon times?

PE

During PE this term the children will be following the REAL PE - physical unit which focuses on the development of core skills and fitness.

****PE is planned to take place on Wednesdays. And Fridays**
Please ensure a PE kit remains in school and that earrings are removed on these days.

ART/DT



To begin the year we will create a whole class collage to represent a mystical land we create.

Alongside our Australia literacy - children will create a journey story picture in the style of Aboriginal artists and make their own digeridoos. Through this unit we will explore colour, pattern and printing.

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Ways to help at home:

Reading regularly is an essential part of your child's education and we expect all children to be reading regularly at home (from any text: fiction or non-fiction).

Year 4 will have regular homework which will involve reading, spellings and maths homework. The maths will be times tables practice more often than not.

The homework will be set on Thursdays with the return day being Monday.

You will also be provided with KIRFS for Autumn Year 4 - Key Instant Recall Facts - it would be helpful if you could practice these with your child.

ICT:



Internet Safety

Children will refresh how to use the internet safely - how to communicate safely with people they know.

Children will be made aware of dangers of some gaming and internet platforms and the age restrictions around these and how to use safely.

RE /PSHE:

RE:

Throughout Year 4 we shall study 2 religions - Christianity and Hinduism

Making Choices - Temptation

Discover what is meant by temptation - look at stories of when Jesus was tempted and compare with times when we have been tempted.

Mary Mother of God:

Explore and discuss the idea holy and what is meant by holiness. Develop own ideas about holiness and how that impacts on the life of themselves or others.

PSHE:

Feeling Good: Children will learn to express themselves positively - talk about themselves, others, home and school. They will learn to show sensitivity to others need and feelings and clarify what is most important to them.