

Fox Class

Our new learning theme for this half term is...

Anglo-Saxons – betrayal, battles and bloodshed

Our focus will be history. We will be looking into where the Anglo-Saxons came from, why they invaded and what life was like in Anglo-Saxon Britain. We shall also learn about King Alfred and how he overcame the Viking invasion.

Much of our learning will be linked to our main theme, although some subjects e.g. maths, will continue to be taught separately.

In **English** we will read the book 'Anglo-Saxon Boy' by Tony Bradman. It tells the story of Magnus, the son of Harold Godwinson, lord of the Southern Saxons and ruthlessly ambitious claimant to the throne of England. Magnus finds himself cast centre-stage in a family feud that led to one of history's most famous battles, the Battle of Hastings. We will use this book to support our understanding about Anglo-Saxon life and our news report writing. We shall also create our own kennings, a kind of riddle which were part of Anglo-Saxon poetic tradition.

Our **Maths** this half term will continue with our learning about multiplication and division, where we will focus on some of the formal written methods for these calculations.

Later in the term, we will move on to learning about measuring and working out the length and perimeter of different shapes.

Reminders:

Please ensure your child brings their reading book to school every day so that they have the opportunity to read independently or with an adult.

A reminder that we will have **PE** every **Tuesday**. Your child needs to arrive at school in their PE kit.

As part of our healthy eating approach, we do not allow squash or flavoured water in school, so please make sure your child has only water in their bottle. If your child would like a snack at break time, we ask that you send them to school with fresh fruit or vegetables to help encourage a healthy diet.



In **Science** we are continuing to learn about states of matter. We will focus this term on what happens when different materials are heated, measuring the temperatures at which they melt. The children will have the opportunity to decide what they want to find out about changing the state of matter, planning and performing investigations they have chosen.

In **Art** we will be looking at Anglo-Saxon carvings and the intricate patterns that they contain. We shall then design and create our own Anglo-Saxon inspired artwork.

Our **Computing** lessons this term will involve creating repeating patterns as the children develop their programming skills.

How to support your child at home:

Sharing stories and listening to your child read can really help further their learning at home. I completely understand that life can be busy, but 10 minutes a day can make a big difference.

Your child should also be logging onto Times Tables Rockstars as often as possible to work on their recall of the times tables. There are also plenty of games and activities available on Purple Mash. If you need any help logging in with these please let me know.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come and speak to one of the school staff. Thank you in advance for your support.

Links to previous learning...

Our theme will allow us to build on previous knowledge of the history of Great Britain from Roman times and the Anglo-Saxons from our previous learning about St Edmund.

Dates for your diary:

Number Day – Friday 7th February

Half Term – 17th-21st February