

## 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. Hopefully, there will be a visit to West Stow Museum later in the term – more details to follow soon.

Much of our learning will be linked to our main theme, although some subjects e.g. Maths and Science, 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** and **Friday**. Your child should come to 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 will be learning about electricity and electrical circuits. As well as finding out about some of the uses of electricity, the children will be making and testing their own simple circuits, as well as using what they learn about conductors and insulators to make a switch to control the electrical current. We will also consider how to stay safe when using electricity.

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:

Working in partnership is important to us and makes such a difference to your child's progress. We would like to make sure that all children are completing their 'home learning'

- Reading each day - recording their reading activity in their reading journal.
- Practise your current set of spellings and/or the statutory spellings.
- Practise times tables frequently - focus on any your child struggles with. You can use Times Tables Rock Stars, [timestables.co.uk](http://timestables.co.uk) or Hit the Button for this. You can also use any other methods your child enjoys.

I will send home any information you need. Please ask if you have any questions.

Mr. Sloane

## 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 previous learning about St Edmund.

## Dates for your diary:

NSPCC Number Day – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Half Term – 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> February