

Dear Parents/guardians;

I hope you all had a restful break and enjoyed some much needed quality time with friends, family and most importantly your children!

This first term back we will firstly be spending some time getting to know one another; I will be setting the ground rules and informing the children of my expectations of them- which are high!

We begin autumn term with a topic called 'Smashing Saxons', that is both fun, creative and cross curricular (an overview is attached).

In this pack you will find the Saxon Runes (the alphabet). I have written the children a message in Runes, they need to be detectives and figure my message out. They can write this on the paper I have provided.

If the children would like to earn their first 5 team points of the year they can write me a message back.

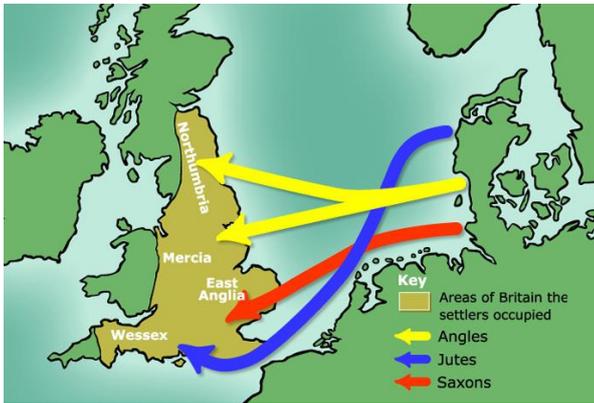
Additionally, I have attached the spelling list for Year 4, they are for your information and extra practise. I will be giving out spellings each week.

In the meantime if you would like to speak to me regarding any specific issues please make an appointment with me.

We are very much looking forward to the coming year!

Kindest regards

Miss Clark, Mrs Garvey and Mrs Reid.



Autumn term for Year 4 will focus on the Anglo-Saxons as our history topic. We will also spend some time investigating local history. We are hoping to have a Saxon workshop in school as well as aiming for a trip out to Sutton Hoo towards the end of the first half term to top off our learning.



Foundation Subjects:

History: Researching all about the Anglo-Saxons, what they ate, what jobs they did, their Gods.

Geography: Where did they come from, how did they travel? What routes they took to England.

Art/DT: Different types of sketching from observations. Designing and making a Saxon home. Cooking a traditional Saxon 'bean cake' yummy!

Please encourage your children to research what they can about the Anglo-Saxons, use your local libraries or the internet to find out some facts so that we can share these over the course of the term.

Core Subjects:

Mathematics: Ordering timeline dates, comparing numbers up to and including 1000 and be able to write these numerically and in words. Count on in 10, 100 and 1000.

Literacy: Our main book will be Beowulf (by Michael Morpurgo). Using similes, alliteration, collective nouns for descriptive writing. We will also be writing a newspaper report about the archaeological findings at Sutton Hoo.