

# Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR 4 | Spring Term 1 | 2024



*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*We hope that you enjoy the Christmas break. We are looking forward to our new term in the new year. Please see below for details about what we will learn and ways in which you can support your child at home. Science and History coverage is outlined on the 'Knowledge Organisers'.*

*This half term, our topic is the Anglo-Saxons and we will be focusing our learning in all subjects around the key question*  
***How did the Anglo-Saxons shape Britain?***

**Our 'Hook' to launch our topic will be:**

An Anglo-Saxon Day! The children will come to school dressed as Anglo-Saxons, will make their own Anglo-Saxon helmets and then take part in a Now Press Play immersive experience.

**We will enhance children's learning and 'Cultural Capital' with the following experiences, websites and texts:**

- BBC Bitesize (Anglo Saxons)
- KS2 Discover and Learn: History
- Anglo Saxons study book
- Now Press Play
- National Geographic Kids Anglo Saxons

**Our 'Showcase' at the end of the topic will be**

A planned visit to Butser Ancient Farm to bring the Anglo-Saxons to life.

**Our 'Shared Outcome' to communicate our learning with others will be posted on Seesaw and shared in the celebration assembly.**



## Here is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this topic:

### English:

#### Key text:

- The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis

#### Key skills:

- Free verse poetry
- Playscripts
- Persuasive writing
- Grammar, punctuation, spelling
- Comprehension

### Maths:

#### Key topics:

- multiplication and division

### Science:

This half term the children will be learning about habitats. The key question for this topic will be: How do scientists classify living things?

### Reminders:

We return to school on  
**Tuesday 9th January.**

Children are encouraged to change their home reading books twice a week. The children will be able to take out new library books on the second week back.

**Computing:** The children will be learning about Data and creating Online Questionnaire

**RE:** The children will be learning about Sikhism this half term.

**Art:** Children will be learning about Expressionism and creating collage art pieces based on David Hockney.

**Music:** The children will learn and perform the song 'Stop' by Joanna Mangona using the scheme of work, 'Charanga'.

**PSHE:** This half term our focus will be on Hopes and Dreams

**French:** The children will be learning how to read, write and talk about the various celebrations in France.

### Useful websites and texts to support learning in this topic:

Anglo-Saxon Boy by Tony Bradman  
KS2 Discover and Learn: History -  
Anglo Saxons study book

National Geographic Kids

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/anglo-saxons/>

Anglo Saxons BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zxsbcdm>

