

## Was the Anglo-Saxon period really a Dark Age?

Year 4 – Miss Gostelow and Miss Morley

In this unit, the children will learn about the world of the Anglo-Saxons. They will consider why they came to Britain and whether the period deserves to be called the 'Dark Ages'. Throughout the unit, there is a strong focus on the range of sources that provide us with evidence about the people living at that time. The children will examine archaeological evidence, such as the Sutton Hoo ship burial and the Staffordshire hoard, while using written evidence from the time, including Beowulf, to provide context for the archaeological finds. They will learn about the importance of archaeological evidence and the work of the archaeologist, as well as the accidental finds of metal detectorists.

### Key Vocabulary

Invasion, settle, reconstruction, Dark Ages, pagan, plunder, Scandinavia, grave goods, archaeologist, excavation, function, sceptre, garnet, millefiori, hoard, metal detecting, saga, chronicle, illuminated manuscript, ecclesiastical, conversion, monastery, Old English, proof, evidence, counter argument, decay, excavate, preserved, deduction, interpretation, classification, cataloguing, strata, shard, site, trench.

### English

This term's class text is Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo. The children will be using this text to write a narrative. Within their writing, they will be looking to use grammatical features such as subordinating clauses, leading into complex sentences.



Within Maths, the class will begin by looking at place value then move on to addition and subtraction while finishing with money and time.

Please continue to encourage your children to access TTRockstars and Mathletics at home, as this will further develop the learning, which has taken place in class.



Below is what the children will be learning in other foundation subjects:

Science – Living Things

Art and Design – Drawing focus: Anglo-Saxon: Bayeux Tapestry

PSHE – Being Me in my World

RE – Hinduism

PE – Netball and Tag-Rugby

Music – Ukulele

### Home Learning and Showbie

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to Showbie; it is great to see everyone involved on the group message boards and sharing key learning points.

Home learning will be set each Friday. This will consist of a Reading Eggs Assignment, a Mathletics task and spellings.

Reading – Thank you to all children who are reading at home regularly and bringing their learning journals in daily.

A reminder that children should be reading at least three times a week at home. This should be recorded in their journal and signed by an adult by Friday.

### Reminders...

School starts at 8:40am; please ensure all children are in class for this time.

Attendance target is 96%. Let's achieve this every week in Y4!

Reminder: Children should only bring water or clear, flavoured water to school please. If your child doesn't have a water bottle, fresh water will be provided in school.

No pencil cases please - children will be provided with all the equipment they need.

No footballs and basketballs from home please, these will be provided.