



YEAR 4/5/6 OAK SPRING 1 2026 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



This half term our curriculum theme is about the Anglo-Saxon invasion of Britain



Our enquiry question is:

How did life change in Britain after the Anglo Saxon invasion?



ENGLISH - WRITING

In writing lessons the children will be using Beowulf, the oldest written text in English, as an inspiration for their writing. They will be writing character descriptions, setting descriptions and newspaper reports in response to their reading.



ENGLISH - READING

During this half term, the children will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts that are linked to our history and science topics. The children will be learning how to support their answers to comprehension questions using relevant evidence from the text.



MATHEMATICS

Working within their year group level, the children will be working upon units about multiplication, division and fractions. They will also continue to develop their basic number skills in daily arithmetic and Mastering Number sessions.



HISTORY

The children will learn about what life was like before and after the Anglo-Saxon invasion of Britain. They will learn how Anglo-Saxon England was split into 7 Kingdoms known as the Heptarchy, and they will learn how society was structured and ordered.



SCIENCE

In Science lessons the children will be learning about forces. They will measure forces using a force meter and will learn that gravity pulls objects to the centre of the earth. They will also learn about forces such as air resistance, water resistance and friction.



ART

This half term the children will be creating pieces of artwork inspired by our history learning about Anglo Saxons, including creating illuminated letters.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Is believing in God reasonable?

The children will explore the difference between facts, opinions and beliefs. They will consider how a Christian and a Humanist may answer the enquiry questions and they will be introduced to the philosophical idea of Pascal's wager.

FRENCH

The children will be learning how to order items of food and drink in a French 'Salon de Thé'.



PE

In their PE lessons on THURSDAYS the children will be doing in gymnastics. On TUESDAYS, they will be practising ball skills.

PSHE

The children will be working upon a unit from the Jigsaw scheme about the future.



Music

The children will be continue to appraise different genres of music and they will develop their skills in performance and composition.

