



During this term, our theme is:
Who were the Anglo Saxons?
Below are the areas that we are covering within the theme.



Curriculum Area	Areas to be taught in school	Possible activities to be done at home
English	This half term, we will start by completing our work around 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright. We will be using figurative language to describe our own Magic Box. We will then be reading 'There's a boy in the girl's bathroom'. Using this we will be writing a school report for Bradley.	The main activities that would benefit learning in English is if children can read at home regularly and practise spellings when they come home. We really appreciate your support in these areas. If your child is a keen writer, maybe they could create a story and then they could read it to you, a sibling or other family member.
Maths	Our Maths this term continues to feature place value and practising the four operations. Alongside this, we will be calculating the area of a range of shapes and developing our learning of geometry. This includes reflections, translations and identifying the properties of shapes.	One of the main ways children can develop their knowledge at home is to practise their times table knowledge, this includes through the use of the Times Table Rockstars game, which is available on the internet and as an app. Also, you could encourage your children to share their school learning with you, showing their knowledge by 'teaching' people at home what they have learnt in school.
Science	This half term we are learning about forces around us in the world. We will be learning about the different kinds of forces, how to measure forces and conducting a series of experiments to see a range of forces around us in action. We will also look at the work of some famous scientists who have contributed significantly to our knowledge of forces, such as Sir Isaac Newton.	Research forces around us in the world. Can they find or create any of their own experiments to learn more about forces? Also, can they build on their learning about materials from last half term? They could list how many different materials they can find around the house, and think about why that material is the right one for the task.
History	Our History this half term focuses on the Anglo Saxons – who were they? This is a fascinating unit of History and marks an important time within British History. Amongst many other things, we will study: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key events of the period • Why and when did they arrive • How their Kingdoms compare to English counties today • Life in an Anglo Saxon village • Their religious beliefs and practices We can't wait to dive into this topic!	If you would like to learn more about the Anglo Saxons at home, then either the library or the internet are great places to start. Any research could then be brought into school in a range of ways – a poster, PowerPoint, story, fact file, model, piece of Art or even some Anglo Saxon baking!

Computing	Our computing this half term will be 'blogging'. The children will be creating their own 'posts' as well as considering how we can responsibly share our views and opinions online. We will also recap our online safety teaching with a focus on reliable posts online.	Encourage conversations about online safety and sharing personal information online with the children – show them how you get rid of any spam emails and how you spot them. Share your views on editing photographs online and how you know that not everything online is true.
Religious Education	What do Christians believe about God? In RE, children will be exploring Christianity. They will be learning about Jesus, the main beliefs of the religion, special places within Christianity, religious festivals, the holy book and symbols which are central within Christianity (including their meanings).	Talk to those at home about religion – what are their beliefs and views? It may be helpful to research Christianity further, or even research another major religion to compare it to Christianity.
Physical Education	Over the coming weeks, our PE will focus on health related exercises. This will include cardio fitness work, developing our flexibility and building strength and endurance. We will do this through a series of circuit workouts, fun games and timed activities. Class 12 will be participating in their swimming lessons on Wednesdays.	Children should come to school in their PE kits on Wednesday. Children in Class 12 do not need their PE kits but should have their swimming kits in a separate bag. You could encourage the children to share some of their fitness activities at home and try and beat their personal best!
Art	This half term, we have a very exciting Art project planned, where we will be learning using tessellations to create a clay tile. The children will be using observations of our natural world to inspire them to do this.	Encourage children to take time looking at the natural world around them, including colours and textures. They could even spend time learning how to draw trees and leaves accurately.
Relationships Education	Our focus for the next term is health and wellbeing. Our initial focus will be around how we can look after ourselves and our bodies such as eating healthy and maintaining good hygiene. Following this, we will move onto how we stay safe and our digital wellbeing.	Discuss how being a good team worker will positively impact their life. Discuss their part in the family 'team' and how they can have a positive impact at home. Discuss emotions – how can we tell how other people are feeling?
French	We will be learning how to discuss and describe our families in French. Talking about ourselves can be a hard skill to master though this can be made more fun by doing it in French. The children will practice their newly learnt French vocabulary with their peers.	Practise using the French vocabulary learnt in school at home or with friends. Can you teach anyone any new French words or impress them with any phrases you have learned?



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Why is the journey of a river important?
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<p style="text-align: center;">English</p>	<p>This half term, we will start with the novel 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo. We will be writing to entertain with a re-tell and creating exciting descriptions for narrative. Then we will be exploring 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies. In their pieces of writing, the children will be exploring writing speech accurately and creating characters and settings. Alongside this, the children will continue to develop their reading skills and giving justified opinions.</p>	<p>The main activities that would benefit learning in English is if children can read at home regularly and practise spellings when they come home. We really appreciate your support in these areas. As well as this, you could use the internet to find out more about Michael Morpurgo and the books he has written. Also, we would love to see any book reviews that children made about the books we have studied in school or about their own books. Please sign your child's reading record each time you hear them read.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Maths</p>	<p>In Maths this half term, we will be continuing to develop our arithmetic skills. Alongside this, we will be exploring 2D and 3D shapes with a focus on comparing and describing the properties. We will also be using shape facts to calculate missing angles. We will then be revisiting fractions and converting improper fractions. Additionally, we will be learning about how to calculate volume and creating line graphs.</p>	<p>Continue to practise times tables to ensure your child can recall these facts promptly. Maths homework will be given out each week to consolidate prior learning too. Encourage your child to share their Maths learning and explore Maths when they are out and about.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Science</p>	<p>This half term we are learning about living things and their habitats. This includes looking at life cycles and plant growth. The children will be exploring the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Let's Investigate – What happens to a plant cutting if it is place in water? 2. How are new plants made? 3. What is the life cycle of a mammal? 4. What is metamorphosis? 5. Are all life cycles the same? 6. What has happened to the plant cutting we placed in water? 7. Who is Jane Goodall? 	<p>Children could conduct their own research into life and growth by growing their own plants. They could also research life cycles and explore the stages of these.</p>

Geography	<p>Our Geography topic this half term focuses on rivers and their importance. We shall study the journey of a river, focussing on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where does water come from? 2. Where are the world's rivers? 3. What are the features of a river? 4. What is erosion and deposition? 5. How do we use rivers? 6. How do we hold back a flood? <p>We will be relating all of our research back to the locality and rivers in our area.</p>	The children could conduct their own research into rivers and their journey. They can create information booklets to share their learning or even go for a visit to a river to see their learning in a real world context.
Computing	The children will be using computer software to produce a 3D model of a room, which they can then furnish and design themselves. Alongside this, we will be reviewing and extending our knowledge around e-safety.	Can your child teach someone at home about e-safety, based on our learning last half term? Children may want to talk about what they learnt in terms of creating powerful passwords or dealing with spam emails.
Religious Education	<p>Why is the Last Supper so important to Christians?</p> <p>In RE, children will be continuing their exploration of Christianity. They will be learning about the Last Supper and its significance to Christians including the twelve apostles and the importance of bread and wine.</p>	Talk to your child about religion. It may be helpful to research Christianity further, or even research another major religion to compare it to Christianity.
Physical Education	Over the coming weeks, our PE will focus around outdoor activities linked to orienteering. The children will be working in teams to complete various challenges and navigate their way around activities and the school grounds.	Children could share their learning at home and complete their own outdoor activities and adventures.
DT	This half term, we will be designing, creating and evaluating our own marble runs. The children will be using materials such as cardboard to construct ramps and tunnels in order to create the best marble run.	We would greatly appreciate donations of cardboard and materials which the children can use to construct their runs. Discuss the children's projects with them and encourage them to share their ideas.
French	In French, we will be learning new vocabulary relating to school life and describing our school day. We will also be refining our conversational skills whilst applying new grammar rules.	Encourage your child to share their learning with you. Can they tell you what we have been learning about?
Relationship Education	<p>This half term children will continue work linked to health and wellbeing. They will consider the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can I resist peer pressure? • What keeps us safe in school? • How do I protect my identity online? • How can I act responsibly in an emergency? • How can I take care of my body? 	Talk to your child about healthy choices and how this could impact on their wellbeing. Can they talk to you about what they have learnt in school on how they will use this learning to keep themselves healthy and happy?

Year: 5

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