

St. Swithun's: Year 3/4 Curriculum Map – Spring 1 . Topic: The Anglo Saxons

For Spring term, we will be learning about the Anglo Saxons and preparing for our Easter Production. These will link to many of our different lessons. We are excited to get out and explore this term- look out for a letter about a trip to Butser Ancient Farm, a local walk to conduct some geography field work and we are finally able to resume class liturgies back at St Swithuns' church. Keep an eye out for dates on the newsletter. We look forward to showing you all our excellent and exciting work in our class assemblies, too!

<p>English</p> <p>For writing, our key text is The Lorax by Dr Seuss. We will start by reading the Lorax and learning about the environment. We will be learning about time conjunctions in order to write newspaper reports. We will also learn how to write reported speech. Later, we will be thinking about persuasive devices and focuses on orally rehearsing our sentences in order to write speeches. We will continue to revisit the use of expanded noun phrases, conjunctions and fronted adverbials.</p> <p>In reading, we will be building upon our ability to predict, summarise, clarify, evaluate, draw inference and ask questions to improve our understanding. We will be using the text A Planet Full of Plastic by Neal Layton. We will also be doing weekly comprehension practice to build our confidence and technique.</p>	<p>Art & Design</p> <p>DT focus this term</p>	<p>Computing</p> <p>In Computing, we will be learning about algorithms. We will be learning about how we can program things to move in different ways. We will be using a coding programme called Scratch to learn about how to make a character move and perform different actions. We will use our learning to create a game.</p>	
<p>Mathematics</p> <p>We are excited to be doing maths back in our usual classes with our class teacher. This half term, we will be focusing on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shape (knowing the names of 2D shapes and their properties). We will be learning about regular and irregular polygons, shape properties including parallel and perpendicular lines and angles. • 3D shapes. We will be learning about the properties of shapes and their nets. We will also be making shapes using modelling clay and art straws to make shapes too. • Measurement- we will be learning how to measure length in cm and m and then working out how we add and multiply lengths in order to work out perimeter and area of shapes. • Finally, we will be learning about Mass and Capacity and how we can measure these and solve word problems around these. 	<p>Design & Technology</p> <p>For DT, we will be learning how to make our own pneumatic toys. We will learn how pneumatics work and using a variety of different ways to create movement using air such as balloons and syringes. We will then design, make and evaluate our own dragon toys using junk modelling. We look forward to bringing these home to show you all!</p>	<p>Geography</p> <p>In Geography, we will be looking at settlements and linking it to our history work too. We will also be learning about human and physical geography so that we have an understanding of natural and man made. We will be carrying out some field work of our local area, too!</p>	
<p>Science</p> <p>Living things & their habitats.</p> <p>We will be learning about the different animal groups, starting with vertebrates and invertebrates. Next, we will look at classifying animals as mammals, reptiles, amphibians etc and creating classification keys in order to sort them. Finally, we will look at different environments and how animals survive in them as well as the impact of environmental changes on the lives of wild animals.</p>	<p>History</p> <p>We will be learning about the Anglo Saxons over the whole of the Spring term. We will begin by learning about who they were, where they came from and why they came to Britain. Next, we will look at their lifestyle such as food, clothing and entertainment. We will also be visiting Butser Ancient Farm to see the Anglo Saxon homes and finding out what it would have been like to live in these times. We will also be thinking about how historians found out and learnt about the Saxons by looking at artefacts and completing some of our own archeological digging activities.</p>	<p>Modern Languages</p> <p>In French, we are learning family members and how to describe our family, their names and ages.</p>	
		<p>Physical Education</p> <p>Indoor PE – Gymnastics. We will look at improving our form and flexibility through a range of different stretches, rolls and jumps. We will be putting together a gymnastics routine.</p> <p>Outdoor PE- Net games. We will be looking at a range of sports requiring nets such as volleyball, tennis and badminton.</p>	<p>Music</p> <p>The children will be taking a dive into the world of Blues music. They will explore the pioneers of the genre while also learning the blues scale. Their task will be to create and perform a basic twelve-bar blues.</p>
			<p>Religious Education</p> <p>This term, we will start be starting our Lent topic. We will be learning about how Christians use Lent as a time repent and become closer to God. Next, we will prepare for Easter and Jesus' return and learn about the events of Holy Week.</p>

Exciting beginnings / events/ theme days/ trips / visitors

A trip to Butser Ancient Farm.

Local walk to look at the human and physical geography in our town.

Class liturgies- date TBC on the newsletter

Text, videos, music, pictures to ensure experiences of rich and varied literary heritage

A Planet Full of Plastic by Neal Layton

The Lorax by Dr. Seuss

PSHE / British Values

My Happy Mind

Online Safety

Health and Wellbeing