

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

For Spring, we will be learning about The Iron Man and Settlements. 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 and phase Mass in school and at St Swithun's church.. We look forward to showing you all our excellent and exciting work in our show case afternoons, too!

English

For writing, our key text is The Iron Man. We will be using this text to give us ideas for writing Newspaper reports. In these reports, we will learn how to write reported speech, formal language and how to write concise sentences which summarise key information. We will build on our use of possessive apostrophes and using subordinating and coordinating conjunctions. Next, we will be learning how to write dialogue and accurate punctuate direct speech and use synonyms for said.

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 The Iron Man which will also be inspiring our writing this term. We will also be doing weekly comprehension practice to build our confidence and technique.

Art & Design

DT focus this term

Design & Technology

For DT, we will be learning about mechanical systems and how they work. We will begin by looking at and understand how they work, evaluating which suit different devices and then designing, creating, testing and evaluating our own slingshot cars!

Computing

In Computing, we will be learning about algorithms. We will be learning about how we can program things to move in different ways. First of all, we will be using floor robots and learning how to make them move through a maze. Next, we be learning how to debug a program. Finally, we will be making our own games on Scratch.

Geography

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!

Mathematics

In maths, we will be continuing to learn our times tables and build fluency with quick recall. Children will use Times Table Rockstars at home to help them gain confidence with this too. We will be also learning how to solve formal methods of multiplication and division in order to solve calculations such as 16×9 . We will begin by using grid method and then move onto short multiplication. For division, we will look at division as repeated subtraction and then chunking for calculations such as $152 \div 8$. Next, we will be looking at position and direction and understanding how turns can be described as fractions and in degrees. Finally, we will learn how to measure in mm, cm and m and use this to accurately measure, add and subtract lengths, Problem solve and calculate the perimeter of 2D shapes.

Modern

Languages

In French we are learning about school equipment and how to describe the contents of our pencil cases. We will be learning how to identify the gender of nouns and how to use a bilingual dictionary.

Music

In music, we be looking at polyrhythms and how to create patterns using instruments.

Science

In science, we will be learning about Sound. We will look at the way in which sound in made, understanding that it is caused by movement and vibrations and then look at how sound travels. We will learn about pitch and volume can change and investigate the best materials for sound proofing.

History

Geography focus this half term

Physical

Education

Indoor PE – Gymnastics. We will improve our form and flexibility through a range of different stretches, rolls and jumps for a gymnastics routine. Outdoor PE- Invasion Games. We will be learning the skills required to play games such as rugby and basketball.

Religious

Education

This term, we will start by looking at Christmas and the role of the Shepherd in the nativity story. We will think about the orders they were given and how they showed obedience. Our next topic will be Revelation. We will learn about how God reveals Himself through the Word and understanding why this is important in Mass.

Exciting beginnings / events/ theme days/ trips / visitors

A trip to Butser Hill.

Class Mass

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

Iron Man

Iron Man Clips

PSHE / British Values

Online Safety

Health and Wellbeing