

St. Swithun's: Year 3/4 Curriculum Map – Spring 2 . Topic: The Anglo Saxons

For Spring term, we will be learning about the Anglo Saxons. Inspired and informed from our recent trip to Butser Ancient Farm, we will learn more about Anglo Saxon life in Britain and how historians discovered information. We will also have a big focus on ensuring we know and feel confident with our times tables in the lead up to the year 4 assessment. Look out for letters detailing your child's part in the Easter Production which will tell the story of Holy Week and Easter and of course, Zebras and Kangaroo's upcoming class masses.

English

For writing, we will start by ensuring we understand how to write in different tenses consistently and how to change regular verbs to show past tense (jump becomes jumped) and irregular verbs (eat becomes ate) to recount our day at Butser Hill Ancient Farm. Next, we will be using the twisted tales from our reading unit to create our own fairy tales with a twist. Our skills focus will be conjunctions (because, although, if, but etc) and we will learn about how to compose, edit and improve our writing.

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 Revolting Rhymes by Roald Dahl. We will also be doing weekly comprehension practice to build our confidence and technique.

Art & Design

None this half term

Computing

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.

Exciting beginnings / events/ theme days/ trips / visitors

Our Easter Production

Science Week

Rockstar Day

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!

Geography

History focus

Mathematics

In maths, we will be starting to look at fractions, understanding how they can be found in one whole or a fraction of a quantity. We will be looking at how we compare and order unit fractions as well as fractions with similar denominators. We will also be learning how to find equivalent fractions too. Year 4 will also be learning how to convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions.

Next, we will be starting our statistics unit where we learn to read and interpret data from tables, charts, bar graphs, pictograms and line graphs. We will then be collecting our own data and learning how to present this information in different graphs and charts. As always, we will continue to practice and secure our knowledge of times tables.

Modern

Languages

Music

In French, we are learning family members and how to describe our family, their names and ages.

The children will be looking at playing the ukulele with the objective to be able to play chords such as C and Am, while also learning a song.

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

Revolting Rhymes by Roald Dahl

Science

In science, we will be learning about Sound. We will look at the way in which sound is 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. We recently met a local scientist, Dr Geary who gave us an amazing sound workshop and has helped us to understand how sound travels.

History

We will be learning about the Anglo Saxon. 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 thinking about how historians found out and learnt about the Saxons by looking at artefacts and completing some of our own archaeological digging activities.

Physical

Education

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.
Outdoor PE- Net games. We will be looking at a range of sports requiring nets such as volleyball, tennis and badminton.

Religious

Education

This term, we will start by starting our Lent topic. We will be learning about how Christians use Lent as a time to repent and become closer to God. Next, we will prepare for Easter and Jesus' return and learn about the events of Holy Week.

PSHE / British Values

My Happy Mind

Online Safety

Health and Wellbeing