

# Year Group: 4 Term: Spring Term

# Teachers: Mrs Guy and Miss Bell-Knowles

## Literacy

Please continue to support your child at home in learning their common words. These can be found on the school website in the Spelling section.

**Reading:** Reading sessions will continue to take place weekly and children will read with the teacher once across the week.

**Grammar**: We will continue to concentrate on being consistent with a range of grammatical devices. This term there will also be a focus on writing and punctuating fronted adverbials and direct speech.

**Writing**: We will be exploring the fictional tale of Beowulf to create our own five part story. We will also reading and writing explanation texts.

#### Science

In Science we will be finding out about states of matter. We will be investigating reversible and irreversible changes in the context of chocolate and water.

#### RE

In RE will be exploring why is Lent such an important period for Christians.

#### Maths

We will be working on mastering formal methods for multiplication. We will be learning about the area of 2D shapes and how to draw and translate polygons using co-ordinates. Our times table focus this half term will be on the 12x table. We would really appreciate your support at home working with your child on learning all multiplication tables.

# The Savage Saxons!



### Design Technology

Making a light box We will be designing
and creating our own light box using
a simple circuit. We will be
investigating different models and
evaluating our finished product.

# Computing

In Computing we will be investigating 3D modelling and designs, looking at both architectural designs of buildings and sculpture models. We will use Sketchup to create our own project!

## Key Vocabulary:

History - defeat, conquer, laws, legal, barbarian, warriors, village, settlements, crime, punishment.

Science - solid, liquid, gas, reversible, irreversible, melt, freeze, evaporation, condensation.

### History -

BIG QUESTION - Who were the Anglo Saxons? Following on from the Roman invasion of Britain and the decrease of the Roman Empire, we will begin to develop our understanding of the Anglo Saxons and what attracted them to the British Isles. We will focus on the Saxon kings and the Saxon way of life.

We will explore place names and settlements, clothes, houses and how they lived. We will look at the mystery of Sutton Hoo as well as their dark crimes and punishments! We will end our topic looking at what they left behind and how they influenced our lives today.

#### PE

We will be learning new badminton skills. We will be going to a badminton festival at John Spence at the end of the term.

#### French

In French we will be consolidating our vocabulary relating to 'our town' including learning to describe a town and ask how much things cost.

#### Music

In music we will be continuing our learning using the recorders. We have already been learning to play the notes A, B and G. We will also be learning about soul/gospel music based around the song 'Lean on me'