

**Year 3 and 4  
Autumn 2 2021**

# **ANGLO-SAXONS & THE VIKINGS**





This term, Year 3 and 4 have already began to learn all about the Viking invasion of England and Anglo-Saxon settlements and will continue this over the following half-term.

Children will learn all about Viking life in England, as well as the many battles fought over land and resources!

They will also learn all about Norse Gods and Goddesses using Norse myths to support their understanding.

# English

This half-term, we will be focusing on writing myths, diaries and narrative poems.

To begin, Year 3 and 4 shall continue to learn all about Vikings through the stories and myths they used to tell. We will then apply this to write our own Norse myths, focusing on punctuation direct speech, using present perfect form and using subordinate clauses.

After that, the class will continue to apply their topic learning whilst writing a diary from the point of a Viking child in Britain. This shall focus on the features of a diary, use of paragraphs and adverbs.

Finally, altogether the class shall focus on writing narrative poems inspired by *Twas The Night Before Christmas*.

# Maths

This half-term, Year 3 will; continue to mentally subtract hundreds, tens and ones, reading analogue and digital scales to compare mass, finding right angles and using turning patterns, using the 4 times table, using the 8 times tables and telling the time using an analogue clock.

Year 4 will; convert between fractions and decimals, translate 2D shapes and use coordinates, calculate mass, using the 7 times table, written methods of multiplication and using the 12 and 24-hour clock

# Science

Animals including humans

During science this half term, we will be studying the human body with a focus on the digestive system. We will be looking at teeth and their functions, considering whether a creature is a predator or prey and finding the answers to these and other peculiar questions about digestion and food chains.

Children will record their findings using scientific language, labelled drawings, diagrams and will also construct keys.

In class, we will be creating our own model of the human digestive system.

## History

We will be continuing to develop our understanding of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings by exploring their daily life in Britain by examining different sources.

## Geography

We will continue to learn all about rainforests, with a focus on The Amazon, how people live in rainforests and how to protect them.

## RE

We will learn all about Buddhism. This will include where it originated from, the holy book and any special festivals, symbols or places.

## Spanish

We will recite our numbers 1 to 50, learn the days of the week and months and apply these to conversations.

## Computing

We will be further developing our word processing skills and will learn about formatting images and organising content into an effective layout.

## Art and Design

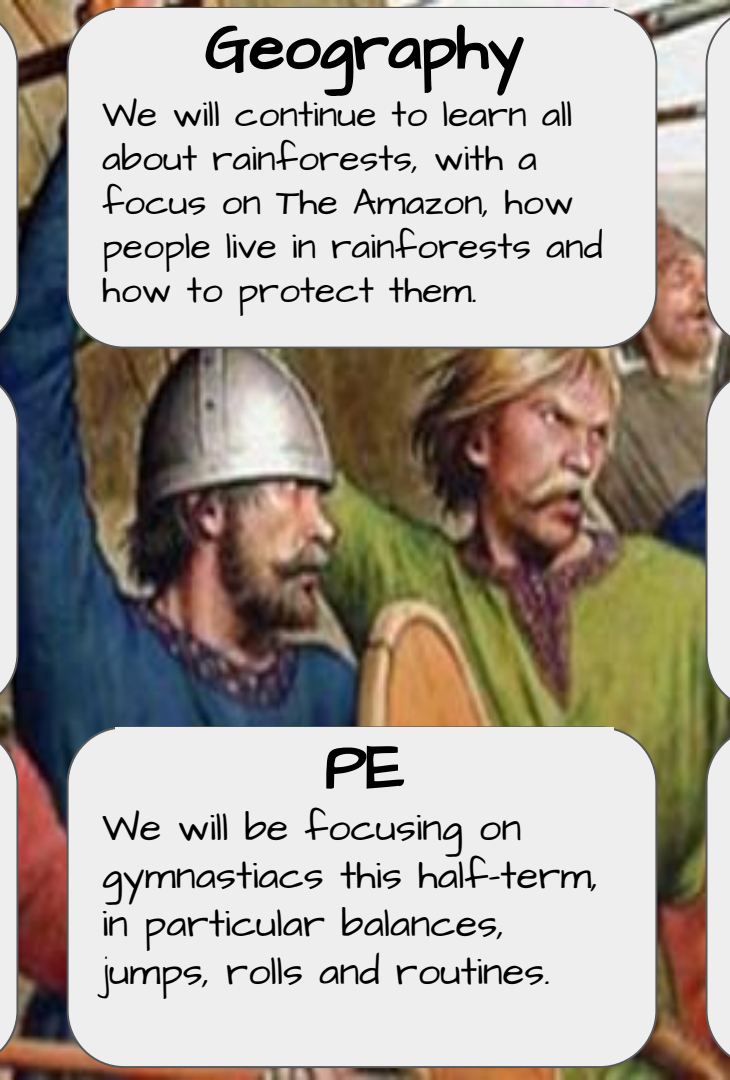
We will be continuing our fruit and vegetables topic by using colour, painting and using textiles to represent different produce.

## PE

We will be focusing on gymnastics this half-term, in particular balances, jumps, rolls and routines.

## PSHE

We will be aiming high this half-term, exploring our achievements, goals and what we want to do when older.



# Additional Information

## Homework

Homework will be given out every **Friday** and is due back in the following **Friday**. It will consist of at least 1 maths and 1 reading piece and a list of spellings to practise for a Friday spelling test.

Children should be reading for a minimum of 15 minutes daily and this should be written into their reading records.

## PE

We will no longer be doing swimming this half-term, so children will no longer need swimming kits on Monday. PE lessons will continue with Miss Campbell on a Friday. Please ensure children come to school dressed in their PE uniform on a Friday.

## Key Dates

- 11th Nov: MedEquip 4 Kids assembly
- 15th - 19th Nov: Anti-bullying week
- 22nd - 26th Nov: Keen to be Green Week
- 23rd, 24th Nov: Parent Meetings Y3 and 4
- 29th Nov - 3rd Dec: Speak Out Stay Safe week
- 9th Dec: Junior Christmas Production
- 10th Dec: Class trip to Jorvik.
- 15th Dec: Christmas Dinner Day
- 17th Dec: Final day, christmas jumper day