Optional Activities . . .

to support your child's learning

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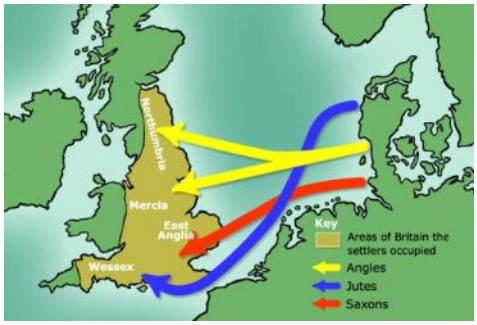
Anglo-Saxons

Our ICC (International Creative Curriculum) topic this half-term is Anglo-Saxons. Here are some ideas for further learning and research you could do at home!



On Scratch create a quiz about the Anglo Saxons. Can you include sounds and movement? Can you design or find an appropriate backdrop and sprite for your quiz?

Research an aspect of life in Anglo-Saxon times – religion, warfare, living conditions, etc. Present your findings in an interesting way!

Lots of place names in East Anglia and across the country date back to Anglo-Saxon times. See here for more information. Find and show them on a map for display.

The BBC Primary History site has excellent information and activities on the Anglo-Saxons.

Reading Ideas

Here are some ideas for books that fit well with our topic that you may wish to read together.

Beowulf (There are many versions. The Michael Morpurgo version is particularly good)
Anglo-Saxon Boy by Tony Bradman
Freedom for Bron: The Boy Who Saved a Kingdom by N. S. Blackman
Men, Women and Children in Anglo-Saxon Times by Jane Bingham
Do you have any more recommendations for us?

At Avenue Junior School, we no longer set any formal homework. We believe the most important thing you can do with your child is to spend enjoyable time with them. We ask that you read with your child for 10 minutes per day – your child reading to you, you reading to them, or sharing the reading together.
If you do any other additional activities related to the curriculum that is not suggested below. Please do encourage your child to share it with us in class.

Maths Skills

The target is for all children to know their tables by the end of Year 4. One of the best things you can do to support your child is regular practice of their times tables!

Find settlements in East Anglia with Anglo-Saxon names. Plot them on a map. Plan journeys between these settlements and calculate the distances between them in km. Can you convert these distances into miles? Approximate how long it would take to complete these journeys.

Telling the time is such a complex thing to master. If your child is not completely confident with the many different ways of talking about time, make time in every day to give opportunities for them to practice. Little but often is the key!

Other activities

As a School of Sanctuary, we want our school and our city to be a welcoming place for everyone. Design a welcome booklet for someone knew to our school or our city.

We will be learning about electricity in Science. Try one of these experiments at home!

Draw or paint your own illuminated letter in the style of an Anglo-Saxon calligrapher.

If you try out any of these activities, please let us know how it goes! You can share your learning in the reading record book, write or post photos on Class Dojo, or bring things in to show in class.