Year 4 Spring 2: What influences of Anglo-Saxons can still be observed in East Anglia?

What we're reading: Beowulf by Mick Gowar

The epic poem Beowulf is the tale of the life and great deeds of Beowulf, hero of the Geats. The first half of the poem focuses on Beowulf's aid to Hrothgar, king of the Danes, who has been terrorized by the creature Grendel. In the second half of the poem, after his heroic youth, an older Beowulf is serving as king of the Geats when his realm is attacked by an immense dragon, prompting Beowulf to once again take up arms.

Set in ancient Scandinavia, the legend of Beowulf is one of the earliest surviving examples of Anglo-Saxon literature!

What we're writing:

A setting description, a narrative and kennings.

Humanities: History, Geography, Art, Modern Foreign Languages, RE, Music, RSHE

As Geographers, we will be using 4-figure grid references to identify Anglo-Saxon settlements. We will also be looking at the suffixes used in place names and to identify Saxon-named places today.

As Historians, we will learn about how and where the Anglo-Saxons settled in Great Britain and how they lived.

In PSHE, our focus will be on alcohol, drugs and tobacco, and how these substances are used and the health impacts of these.

As Musicians, we will be learning about the different musical families and how these work together to form an orchestra. We will learn how these instruments create a sound.

As Linguists, we will continue to use Language Angels and learn through games and songs, as well as focussing on linguistic structures.

	Humanities Vocabulary	Definition
	Archaeology	The study of human history and prehistory through the excavation of sites and the analysis of artefacts and other physical remains
	Invade	To enter a country or region to occupy it
	Tribe	A group of families or communities linked by social, economic, religious, or blood ties, with a common culture and dialect, typically having a recognised leader
•	Rebellion	An act of armed resistance to an established government or leader
	Artefacts	An object that has been made by a person, such as a tool or a decoration, especially one that is of historical interest
	Contrast	The state of being very different from something else

RE Enquiry: How do religious groups contribute to society and culture in the local area and beyond?

We will be exploring Christianity and why Christians want to have a positive impact on their community. We will look at examples of the work Christians do to help the poor in local, national and global contexts, such as foodbanks and The Salvation Army. Year 4 Spring 2: What influences of Anglo-Saxons can still be observed in East Anglia?

As Mathematicians, we will be exploring fractions. We will start with whole numbers and mixed numbers, ensuring that we know what numerators and denominators are.

We will compare and order fractions, convert mixed numbers and improper fractions and look at equivalent fraction families.

We'll finish our learning off by adding and subtracting fractions and solve reallife problems

As Engineers, we will be designing and making useable bags. We will sew fabrics together to form a bag, much like the Anglo-Saxons, and then evaluate our work to see if it met our design expectations! Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM): Computing, Design Technology, Maths, PE, Science

As Computer Scientists, we will develop our understanding of how digital images can be changed and edited, and how they can then be resaved and reused. We will consider the ethics and impact that editing images can have on people and evaluate the effectiveness of their choices.





As Sportspeople, we will develop and apply sending and receiving and counterbalance with a partner through focused skill development sessions, healthy competition, cooperative games and group Personal Best challenges

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	Numbers	Numbers are made up of digits and have a 'value'
	Digits	Digits are the symbols by which a number is represented
	Fractions	An amount that is not a whole number: a small or tiny part, amount, or proportion of something
	Equivalent	Something that is equal to or corresponds with another in value or amount.
	Improper	A fraction where the numerator is greater than the denominator, such as 5/4.
	Interval	The space between two points on a line
	Consecutive numbers	Numbers that follow each other in order from the smallest to the largest
	Mid-point	The exact middle of something. E.g. a number line
	Integer	A number that is not a fraction

Optional Activities:

Whilst we don't set any formal homework at Avenue Junior School, we are passionate about reading and therefore ask that your child reads for at least 10 minutes a day. The benefits of this are wide ranging and can be felt across the curriculum. The children can take their library books home with them to read, but they must bring them in to school each day!

It can sometimes be nice to do some additional activities at home linked to our work in school and so below, we've given a few suggestions of activities you might like to try:

- Design and build your own Saxon house in a box from different materials, such as wood, sticks, leaves, reeds, straw etc!

- Look at a map of the world and discuss with your child places you have been or would like to visit. Where would they like to visit and why?

- Use a map of Norwich to locate your house and the school. Can your child follow their route to school on the map? This could be an OS map of the local area or using and online mapping service such as Google Maps.

- Design and make some colourful and creative posters to help practise and remember your times tables.

- Practise finding examples of fractions when you're out and about shopping, or cooking!

Class Dojo:

We love to see the work children and families have been doing at home.

Please do upload pictures via Class Dojo and we will make sure that these are celebrated in class and rewarded with team points or certificates.

Likewise, if children have any notable achievements or events outside of school (swimming medals, football tournaments etc), we love to hear about these too!



