Year 4 Spring 2:
How and why did life in Britain change from Roman to Anglo-Saxon rule?

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 narrative and a kennings poem.

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

As Historians, we will learn about how and where the Anglo-Saxons settled in Great Britain and how they lived. We will compare the Anglo-Saxon period to the Roman period.

As Musicians, we will be learning and perfecting songs for the Norfolk County Music Festival.
We will be continuing to focus or recorder skills learning more notes up to an octave and using these to improvise and compose melodies as well as learn music by ear and from music notation.

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

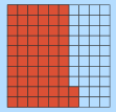
RE Enquiry: How do religious groups contribute to society and culture in the local area and beyond?

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.

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

As Mathematicians, we will continue to explore fractions, focusing on adding and subtractions fractions, and then mixed numbers. Then, we will move to introduce decimals, focusing on tenths and hundredths.

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Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM): Computing, Design Technology, Maths, PE, Science

As Computer Scientists, we will continue to 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 Scientists, We will learn how sounds are made when objects vibrate and how these vibrations travel through a medium to reach our ears. We will also investigate how to change pitch and volume, explore how sound becomes fainter as distance increases, and identify patterns between the strength of vibrations and how loud a sound is.

As Sportspeople, we will have a focus on cricket and the necessary skills to be successful within this sport and others. We will take part in a variety of activities to develop running, jumping, throwing and catching both in isolation and in combination. We will learn how to bowl both underarm and overarm as well as how to catch safely and successfully. We will also our flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance in the context of fielding in cricket.

We will put our learning into action by playing short games of cricket.

STEM Vocabulary	Definition
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

We expect times tables to be practised each week, with at least 20 minutes spent on TTRS. Please let us know if you need any support with this. We send home spellings on Friday to continue building vocabulary and an understanding of spelling rules.

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 into 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?
- 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!

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