Autumn Term 1

Year 4

Anglo-Saxons

PSHE/RSE

In PSHE, through our 'Being Me in My World' topic, we will explore how our attitudes, choices and actions can make a positive difference to our class and school community. Children will learn about respect, responsibility, democracy and understanding the feelings of others, helping everyone feel valued, included and safe.

English

In English, we will be developing our writing skills by using expanded noun phrases, conjunctions for time, cause and place, and Year 3/4 statutory spelling words, including the prefixes in-, il-, im-, ir- and sub-. Through studying legends such as Beowulf, children will write narratives and recounts, retell stories orally, take part in role-play and debates, and justify their opinions using evidence and formal language.

Maths

In Maths, we will develop our understanding of place value, including counting in multiples, rounding, negative numbers and Roman numerals, before securing addition, subtraction, multiplication and fractions. Children will also practise key number facts, including counting in multiples of 25 and 1000 and finding 10, 100 and 1000 more or less than a number.

Music

In Music, we will learn and perform This Little Light of Mine, exploring gospel music, rhythm, call-and-response and the pentatonic scale. Children will develop their singing and performance skills through a range of musical activities.

Science

In Science, we will learn about the digestive system and how our bodies break down food to use nutrients for growth and energy. Children will also explore the different types of teeth and their roles in digestion.

PE

In PE, we will improve our fitness through running, jumping and throwing while developing flexibility, strength, balance and coordination. Children will also learn tennis skills, including attacking and defending techniques, catching, throwing and playing competitive games.

Religious Education

In RE, we will explore why the Bible is important to Christians and learn about its key messages, including Creation, Incarnation and Salvation. Children will also investigate how and why Christians may interpret the Bible in different ways.

French

In French, we will learn how to introduce ourselves, use classroom vocabulary and follow simple instructions. Children will also practise numbers, days and months while developing accurate pronunciation through French phonics.

Design and Technology

In DT, we will explore how structures can be made stronger and more stable using techniques such as bracing and reinforcement. Children will design, build and evaluate their own shelter while investigating how forces affect structures.

Computing

In Computing, we will learn how the internet works, how websites are accessed, and how information travels online. Children will also explore how to stay safe online and identify whether information on the internet is trustworthy.

History

In History, we will explore who the Anglo-Saxons, Picts and Scots were and how they shaped Britain. Children will investigate evidence from the past, including artefacts and Sutton Hoo, to learn about Anglo-Saxon life, beliefs and society.