

Our Learning: Year 4 Spring 1 2020– Invaders & Settlers



At school

At Home

English	<p>This term, we will be reading and exploring the novel 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo. We will be deepening our understanding of persuasive writing in other forms and we will be creating short stories of our own using grammatical features such as fronted adverbials. We will be inspiring the people of Scyld and persuade them to come and join us in battle with our speech. We will be exploring how to develop our characters and plots more deeply too. In addition to this, we will be learning lots of new vocabulary and trying to include this in our writing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw a picture of Grendel, described by Morpurgo as 'the monster of the night' and write a character description to go with your artwork. Don't forget to use some really ambitious adjectives! • What other Norse legends can you discover? Do you have a favourite?
Maths	<p>This term, we will be using our knowledge of place value and decimals to learn about money. We will be looking at making different values and problem solving.</p> <p>Afterwards, we will begin our units on multiplication and division, using written and mental methods.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a one digit and a two digit number using playing cards and multiply them together. • Go shopping, add up the total and work out the change you should get. • Set up a shop in your house - you could charge for use of the remote control! Give the correct change though...
Science	<p>In Science this term, Year 4 will be learning about animals including humans. As part of this topic, we will look at humans in more detail including the digestive system and teeth. We will study food chains and use scientific enquiry to carry out our own investigations and fair tests, drawing conclusions afterwards.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate the difference in the number and type of teeth different animals have compared to humans. Can you think of a reason why? • Make your own paper food chain to show a producer and consumer.
Topic	<p>Our topic this term is 'Invaders and Settlers' where we will be studying the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. We are looking forward to our Saxon day on the 10th January! During this topic, we will learn about the Roman withdrawal from Britain, Viking raids, the conversion to Christianity and the art and culture of both Vikings and Anglo Saxons. We will also re-enact the battle of Hastings on our trip to Battle in March.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create your own Viking shield - can you follow the same design as a Viking pattern? • Search for a traditional Anglo Saxon recipe such as 'honey, oat and spiced cakes' and see what you think of old English food!
Other	<p>In DT, we will be studying woodwork - in particular how the Vikings used wood to create weapons. We will make our own wooden catapults, looking at joints and mechanisms to make them work!</p> <p>In IT, we will be using word to present data and information that we have gathered from reliable internet sources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you see any old wooden mechanisms that are still used today? Can you study them and work out how they were made? • Research online the Norse words that we still use in the English language today - create a word document that explains some of them.

Key Dates

PE: Tuesdays

10th Jan - Anglo Saxon Day - No dressing up

13th Jan - Clubs start

17th/21st/22nd Jan - 4S/4O/4G to Tate Britain

12th Feb - 4S Class Assembly - parents invited

14th Feb - Last day of spring 1 term. 3.25 pick up

Daily Practice

Reading: vary independent reading with listening to your child read and reading aloud to your child for at least 15 minutes per day. Please see our [recommended reading](#) list if you're stuck for books!

Practise spellings and times tables using [TTRS](#)- let's get a head start on winning the league!

Don't forget to practise your maths skills using [Doodle Maths](#). How many stars can you get?