

St John's Mead CEVC Primary School
Summer Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. I hope you had an enjoyable Easter break. It's hard to believe that there are only 2 terms left.



Our topic this term is 'Smashing Saxons'. We will be exploring what archaeologists have uncovered about the Anglo-Saxons and their relationships to the other groups in and around Britain at that time, in particular the Vikings. We will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons, how England was established and what we know about the people's culture, religion and way of life. After half term, we will uncover more about the Vikings, their invasion, their relationship with the Anglo-Saxons and life in Britain during their influence. Please feel free to share this topic with your child at home. The children are welcome to bring in any additional information/artefacts/pictures to share with the class.

In English, we will be writing to entertain inspired by the book 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' which is one of the Brownstone series of historical mythology inspired stories. We shall also be covering instruction writing and formal and informal letter writing. This term we will be recapping skills from throughout the year, including speech, verb tenses, adverbials and apostrophes.

Maths will include units on decimals, measure, time and shape. At home, you can support your child by ensuring they can tell the time using an analogue clock (clock with hands not just digital). Please continue to encourage your child to practice their times table facts, especially those Year 4's who have yet to gain their 55 Club. Year 4 will be taking their Multiplication Test in June.

The Science unit this term will be investigating light, shadow and electricity. Our D&T unit will be examining the strength of structures and how to cut and join wood. We will also be designing and creating Anglo-Saxon inspired wooden shelters. In R.E. we will be studying why Jesus is important to some people and considering why life is seen as a journey. In PSHE we are studying the units *Relationships* and *Changes*.

PE will continue to be on Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their P.E. kit and that earrings are removed and long hair is tied back. Please remind your child to bring in their library book on Friday and reading book every Tuesday so that the books can be changed.

A huge well done to all the children who embraced the homework challenges set last term. We were impressed with all the top trump contributions which will make a great set for the children to play with this term. This term's homework will continue to include reading, practising spelling patterns, number clubs and topics (described on the other side of this letter).

If you have any queries about any matter concerning your child, please do not hesitate to speak to me,

Best wishes,
Mr Batstone

Term 5

What was life like as an Anglo-Saxon? Create a poster, power point or fact-file about life as an Anglo-Saxon.

What would they have worn?

What would they have eaten/drunk?

What games would they have played?

Would they have gone to school?

What would they have done if they hurt themselves? How would they have treated someone who had done something wrong?



Due date: Thursday 2nd May

Create a list of place names that have come from Anglo-Saxons.

Anglo Saxons have influenced Britain in many ways and some of the place names around the country were established by them and their names have meanings.

Can you research places round the UK that have these Anglo-Saxon name endings?

Name ending – Meaning

bury – fortified place

ford – river crossing

stow/stowe – meeting place or holy place

wice/wich – farm

Due date: Thursday 9th May

Research information about Anglo-Saxon medicine.

Find out about Anglo-Saxon medicine and how they cured some common ailments such as colds and headaches. Create an advert for one kind of Saxon medicine.

- Research Anglo-Saxon medicine.
- Create an advertising poster.
- Use persuasive techniques to make the reader want to use your medicine.

Due date: Thursday 23rd May

Create or design a weapon that could have been used by the Saxons or Vikings?

Could you come up with a sales pitch or poster to persuade the warriors to use it?



Due date: Monday 4th June

Term 6

Create an Anglo- Saxon poster warning people of the Viking threat.



Due date: Thursday 13rd June

Write your name and a message using the Viking runes below.



Due date: Thursday 20th June

Can you create an annotated picture, model or fact-file about the Viking longboats?



Due date: Thursday 4th July

Describe what is happening in this scene from the Bayeux Tapestry of the Battle of Hastings in 1066.



Due date: Thursday 11th July