

Yr 4 – Swans

We hope that you have had an enjoyable holiday and that the children are ready for an action packed year! Our main topic for the half term is the Anglo-Saxons and focuses on using historical evidence to find out about the past. During this topic we will cover the following areas:

- Using dates and vocabulary relating to the passing of time, including ancient, modern, BC, AD, century and decade.
- Why the Anglo-Saxons came and where they came from.
- How we know about the Anglo-Saxons using primary and secondary evidence.
- What life was like for the Anglo-Saxons including Anglo-Saxon houses and villages, arms and armour.
- Making Anglo-Saxon pots and runes from clay.
- Anglo-Saxon gods and religion.



As part of our topic we will be visiting West Stow on Tuesday 18th September where we will be visiting a reconstructed Anglo-Saxon village as well as looking at the artefacts in the museum.

- In PE we will be doing football and tag rugby within school.
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*PE lessons are on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** for the Swans. The children will need a tracksuit as well as their shorts and t-shirt as we will be outside until Christmas. We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child has a plastic bag in their PE bag for muddy trainers and kit! We do apologise in advance that the children will get muddy and will bring home muddy kit and trainers regularly!*

- In French we will be speaking, listening, reading and writing using the vocabulary related to body parts and zoo animals.
- In Music our focus will be on dynamics, duration and rhythm patterns.
- In ICT our focus is on Coding, learning to write instructions to make things happen and then use variables and algorithms.
- In PSCH we focus is 'New beginnings' where we will establish the class rules and the reward systems we will use, acceptable behaviour around the school, the expectations of being a year 4, the importance of community, the qualities of a team player, joining new groups, and how we solve problems when they occur including the importance of compromise. We will also be talking about what good/bad things we put into our body thinking about different foods and a balanced diet. As part of drug awareness we will be discussing why we take medicines and how they help us. We will discuss the importance of not sharing medicines.
- In food technology we will be making light meals including sandwiches. The children will investigate different ingredients, including where they come from, and what makes a healthy meal.
- In Science we will learn about living things and their habitats.
- In RE we will be thinking about what it means to be a Sikh.
- In Maths we will be following the National Curriculum. During Year 4 there will be a real focus on learning all of our times tables. Homework for maths will often be something that focuses on Times tables. The homework will usually be given on a Monday to be returned the following Monday.
- In English we will link our topic work and our English to look at the story of Beowulf. We will write Anglo-Saxon kennings in our poetry lessons; and we will also be looking at other stories set in different historical periods.
- Friday homework will be based around topic work or Science completed that week. This should be returned by Wednesday the following week.

Please feel free to catch us any time after school if you have any concerns or want to discuss anything throughout the year. We are **always** happy to discuss matters that are important to both you and your child. We look forward to a great year, with some very hard work but lots of fun too!

Mrs Criddle