



## Year 4

### Spring Term 2 2020

#### English

In English this half term we will be focusing our English lessons on the story of Beowulf. We will be using this to write kennings, persuasive adverts and writing a persuasive speech. In reading masters, we will begin the term by completing our work on the books, 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' (Les Hiboux) and 'Stig of the Dump' (Les Lapins) and will be applying our knowledge of vocabulary and comprehension skills in these sessions. We will then be looking at shorter text extracts and applying our comprehension skills to answer more open ended questions. We are coming to the end of the year 4 Read, Write, Inc spelling programme. We will assess the children's progress within spelling before revisiting any areas that need revising. We will then be looking at other areas of spelling, punctuation and grammar including the correct use of homophones.



#### Topic

We will begin the term by investigating where the Anglo Saxons came from, who the Anglo Saxons were and how they lived their daily lives. We will be learning about Anglo Saxon runes and approaches to crime and punishment. We will end the term by looking at what happened to the Anglo Saxons and what impact they had on our modern day lives. We will finish our topic with an exciting school trip to the Anglo Saxon village at West Stow.



#### Science

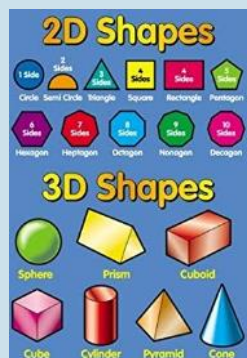
In science we will be continuing our learning about living things and their habitats as well as sorting creatures into different groups such as reptiles and amphibians etc. We will be observing habitats and looking at where different creatures choose to live. We will be considering how habitats change and how living things are affected by environmental changes. We will also be planting our own seeds ready to harvest in the summer term.



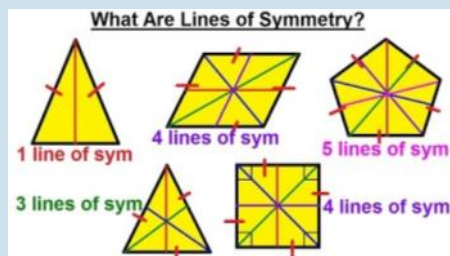
#### Maths

This term we will be learning how to find fractions of amounts and solving problems involving fractions.

$\frac{2}{3}$ of 24	$\frac{4}{5}$ of 30	$\frac{2}{7}$ of 21
$\frac{5}{8}$ of 40	$\frac{7}{10}$ of 30	$\frac{1}{6}$ of 60



We will then be moving on to 2D and 3D shape where we will be revising the properties of various 2D and 3D shapes. We will also be learning about angles and lines of symmetry.



#### Music

This term children will be continuing to have lessons led by 'Sistema Music.' We will be having weekly digital and samba drumming. The two classes will now swap from Garage Band and samba drumming for the rest of the academic year.



#### Sports

During PE, we will be focusing on improving health and fitness as well as taking part in tri golf activities. We will also be working on our creativity within PE, coordination as well as sending and receiving skills.



#### Key Vocabulary:

mammal	amphibian	Celts
agriculture	reptile	conquer
habitat	settlement	invade/invasion
run	legend	tribes
wattle and daub	thatched	Witan

#### RE / RSE

This half term we will be thinking about our mental well being and the benefits of physical exercise and time outdoors. We will be continuing our work on respectful relationships thinking about our behaviour in school and in the wider society. We will discuss how they can expect to be treated with respect by others but in turn they should show due respect to others, including those in positions of authority.



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### Weekly diary

<b>Monday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hand in reading diaries for your reading and maths activities to be checked. (Make sure you have completed 4x reading and maths activities.)</li> <li>Outdoor PE in the afternoon (make sure your kit is in school)</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hand in reading diaries daily.</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hand in reading diaries daily.</li> <li>Hand in home learning.</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hand in reading diaries daily.</li> <li>School library session</li> <li>PE in the morning (make sure your indoor and outdoor kit is in school)</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hand in reading diaries daily.</li> </ul>

- Spelling Quizzes will occur approximately once per fortnight. Your teacher will send home your spellings with each quiz date one unit at a time.



### Key dates this half-term

Friday 28th February 2020	Reading Curriculum Day
Tuesday 3rd March 2020	KS2 Movie Night
Wednesday 4th March 2020	Read Aloud Day
Thursday 5th March 2020	World Book Day—Dress up as your favourite book character.
Wednesday 11th March 2020 @ 8:30-9:30	Times Table Café
Monday 30th March 2020	Year 4 Anglo Saxon trip to West Stow
Thursday 2nd April @ 3pm	Library Bus End of Term

All events from the 'Friends' will be live and available to book online. Please use this link to register:

<http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofghps>

