

As readers and writers, we will be inspired by 'Beowulf' and writing our own defeat the monster sagas. Our focus will be on creating tension for our readers and developing our vocabulary and sentence structures for impact. We will also be looking at complimentary stories, like 'The Saga of Eric the Viking.'

As mathematicians, we will be learning to read and write numbers with 5 and 6 digits and solving problems associated with these. We will be investigating different angles, learning to draw them and calculate missing angles. We will also explore different polygons and their perimeters before developing our multiplication and division strategies.

As scientists, we will be investigating the properties of materials and their states of matter. We will be conducting experiments to test whether some of these changes can be reversed.

Exploring European Geography, will help us understand where the Anglo-Saxons came from and why they migrated. We will investigate types of settlements, use sketch maps to consider physical and human features of a landscape and consider the legacy that was left by our Anglo-Saxon ancestors.

As artists, we will be inspired by Anglo-Saxon artefacts. After practising different sculpting techniques, we will design and sculpt our own decorative pieces.

Who are the monsters?

As spiritual learners, we will be exploring the theme of identity, focusing on Buddhism in particular. We will be considering the question of 'what is worship?', while drawing upon our knowledge of other religions and personal experience of rites of passage.

As members of the school community, we will be learning about the importance of physical health and wellbeing. The children will learn about the benefits of regular exercise and a healthy diet, as well as the importance of personal hygiene as they grow older.

As musicians, the children will be composing pieces of music and performing them using glockenspiels.

As computer scientists, we will be developing our publishing skills using Word and Publisher. We will also be learning how to compose and send emails (with attachments), as well as the vital skills of editing using the computer.

As historians, the children will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons and their impact on Britain. The children will be examining artefacts to see what they tell us about life in Anglo-Saxon Britain and their achievements.

As athletes, the children will be developing their invasion game skills in hockey, as well as their movement skills on apparatus in gymnastics. Both will help the children develop their strength and fitness, as well as their teamwork.

Key texts and complimentary reading:
Beowulf, by Michael Morpurgo
Beowulf and the Monster by Brian Pattern
Beowulf by Kevin Crossley
The Saga of Eric the Viking by Terry Jones
1000 Year-old Boy, by Ross Welford
The Buried Crown, by Allie Sherrick
Freedom for Bron, by N.S. Blackman