



Petersfield Church of England School

Curriculum Information

Rowan Class, Autumn Term 2017



English

This term we will be writing a range of text types, many based around our study of the epic poem of *Beowulf*, including:

- Narrative: our own Anglo-Saxon legends based on the epic poem
- Instructions: how to capture a terrifying monster inspired by the monster Grendel.
- Poetry: kennings inspired by examples in *Beowulf*.
- Explanation: why Alfred the Great was a good Anglo-Saxon king.
- SPaG: we will continue to practise the use of a range of spelling, grammar and punctuation rules.

Science

This term we will be studying:

- Properties and changes of materials where we will be learning about different materials, their uses and their properties, as well as dissolving, separating mixtures and irreversible changes.
- Animals including humans where we will be learning about the parts and functions of the circulatory system. They will also focus on how nutrients are transported around the human body.

Mathematics

This term we will be concentrating on the following areas of Maths:

- Number: Place Value (read, write, order and compare; rounding; negative numbers; Roman numerals).
- Number: Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division (written and mental methods; problem solving).
- Measurement: measure and calculate the Length, Perimeter and Area of rectilinear shapes.
- Statistics (Y5): solve problems using information presented in a graph and read and interpret information presented in tables, including timetables.

RE

This term we will be answering the question: Is religion what you say or what you do? We will be examining the meaning of the term 'religion' from a Christian, Jewish and secular perspective.

We will also be exploring the question Was Jesus the Messiah?



History

In studying the Anglo Saxons, we will use a wide range of historical skills to help us investigate questions such as: Why did the Anglo Saxons invade and where did they settle? How did people's lives change when Christianity came to Britain? How close did the Vikings get to taking over the country? Just how great was Alfred? Were Saxon times really the dark ages? We will also be visiting West Stow Anglo Saxon village to see how experimental archaeology has improved our understanding of the Anglo Saxons.

Other subjects

Art: We will be exploring the importance of illuminated manuscripts and creating our own Anglo-Saxon inspired illuminated letters.

DT: Designing and creating large scale monsters inspired by Beowulf

Music: Listening to, analysing, composing, notating and performing music that evokes monsters and battles.

PE: Dance: interpret music, link sequences of movement, create mood. Invasion games.

PSHE: developing the skills of Peer Mediation
Computing: investigate, design, create, test and modify a model to fit a brief. Record and communicate findings.

Rowan Class Homework Menu

Yet again, the Summer Term Homework Project resulted in an incredibly high standard of homework. Both in the assembly and in individual presentations, teachers and pupils learnt so much from each other. This term, we continue to set project homework alongside the maths or English homework set each week. This menu details a range of fun activities that can be completed at home to extend your child's learning. Please help your child to choose and complete a selection of these activities. To fit in with your family life, they can be completed after school, at weekends or as a half term project. If you would like further suggestions, please feel free to select from the homework menus of other classes which are all available on the school website. Children will be asked to share at least one of the activities with us in school. The deadline for this homework is the **2nd November** and we ask that the homework is not brought in to class until after half term. The sharing assembly will be on the **3rd November** – we do hope you can join us. Please do complete the feedback form in the Learning Link before the work is sent in. Staff will then provide written feedback after the sharing assembly. We very much look forward to seeing and hearing and learning from the homework produced this term!



English

- Research an Anglo Saxon artefact and explain what it was used for. You could also illustrate your explanation text.
- Make an illustrated dictionary of all the words we still use in English that came from the Anglo Saxons.
- Create your own Anglo Saxon hero/heroine like Beowulf. Write a description of them. What do they look like? What makes them a hero/heroine? Are they really brave and strong like Beowulf? What terrifying monsters have they defeated? Perhaps you could draw a picture of your hero/heroine?

Suggested Reading List

- *Beowulf* by Michael Morpurgo
- *The Saga of Erik the Viking* by Terry Jones
- *Horrible Histories: Smashing Saxons* and/or *Vicious Vikings* by Terry Deary
- *Wordhoard: Anglo Saxon Stories* by Kevin Crossley Holland and Jill Paton Walsh
- *Anglo Saxon Boy* by Tony Bradman
- *Wulf the Saxon* by G. A. Henty

Science

- Search online for dissolving and separating or circulatory experiments for kids and have a go at one or more of them at home. Try: http://www.lovemyscience.com/cat_mixing.html or <http://study.com/academy/popular/circulatory-system-experiments-for-kids.html> Photograph or film your experiment/s to share at school.

The Anglo Saxons

History & Geography

- Use Anglo Saxon runes to write on homemade paper with a quill pen, or carve your name in runes on a piece of wood.
- Look up Saxon or Viking recipes online and plan a feast.
- Plan a tour round our region visiting as many Anglo Saxon sites as possible. Illustrate your tour with maps, photos etc.

Mathematics

- Create a card game based on Top Trumps featuring famous Anglo Saxon and Viking kings and warriors (real and fictional).
- Invent a fun and exciting way to learn your times tables up to 12x12, such as a board game

Art & DT

- Design and make your own Anglo Saxon helmet such as the one found at Sutton Hoo.
- Create a piece of Anglo Saxon inspired jewellery from materials of your choice.

Trips & Visits

- Visit Sutton Hoo, the site of an Anglo Saxon ship burial.
- Visit the British Museum to see the treasures from Sutton Hoo.
- Take a walk along Devil's Dyke, an Anglo Saxon earthwork <https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2006/may/20/gowalk.guardianspecial1>