

Welcome back!



I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas holiday and are ready for a great new term ahead. It promises to be another exciting one with our new topic about the Anglo Saxons and Celts. We will be learning about the History of Britain from the end of the Roman era onwards. Should you wish to contact me at any time feel free to message me on Class Dojo or catch me at the end of the day. I am always keen to share good experiences or help out when needed.



English

Our English work this term will begin with us studying the book 'Anglo Saxon Boy.' We shall be using this as a basis to write diary entries and stories and will explore figurative language over the next few weeks. Later this term we will also be writing detailed setting descriptions, using metaphors, personification and embedded clauses. We shall be continuing to use accelerated reader and encourage children to read every day. They will receive dojo points every time they read. We have seen some great progress with reading so far this year, let's keep up the hard work!

Science

We will be exploring forces and magnets this term in science. We will look at gravity, friction and air resistance as well as the properties of magnets. Children will have the chance to plan and carry out a variety of their own exciting investigations.

Maths

Our maths work will start with exploring multiplication and division before moving onto length and perimeter and then fractions later on in the term.

Times tables are really important in KS2 maths and form a basis for many other areas of mathematical learning. I would encourage children to spend some time learning them outside of school.

We are fortunate to have renewed our subscription to Sumdog which children are welcome to access to practise maths online. If you require help with their login, please ask.

Topic

This term's topic work is about the Anglo Saxons and Celts. We will begin by looking at the end of the Roman Empire and then explore where the Saxons came from and why they chose to settle in Britain. Later in the term we will explore how the Saxons lived and learn about some famous archaeological places such as Sutton Hoo. Our topic work will intertwine with our art work where children will be exploring the history of weaving and create their own pieces of woven artwork based on their learning.

- **PE**- This will take place every Monday and Wednesday afternoons.
- **Reading**- Please read as often as possible. You can earn dojo points!
- **Homework**- Will be set on Fridays and is due in the following Wednesday.
- **Sumdog**- Please use this resource as much as possible. Ask for your login details if you are not sure.

Enjoy the term!

Mr Gilbert