



Lydgate Junior School Curriculum Overview Year 4 Summer term



The theme for this term is...

The Anglo Saxons/Scarborough

English

As always, high quality texts and good stories will be our inspiration for writing. We begin by looking at the Anglo Saxon tale of Beowulf before we write our own stories about defeating a monster. We will then read a variety of folk tales and create our own legends of the sea. Throughout the term, we will continue to work on sentence structure, as well as revising speech punctuation and using apostrophes. We will continue to use Spelling Shed - please continue to support this at home. We are also looking forward to another visit from AS Creatives who will run a performance poetry workshop for each class at the end of the term. And, once again, remember the Year 4 mantra to READ, READ, READ, READ and READ!



Humanities

We will work on two topics this term. Our first, which we have already started, has a very clear history focus as we learn about the **ANGLO SAXONS**. We will be looking at evidence of Anglo Saxon life in Sheffield and the surrounding area including a workshop at Weston Park museum all about the Benty Grange helmet, which was found in Derbyshire.

We then move onto geography where we will be doing a comparative study of **SCARBOROUGH**. There will be lots of scope for mapwork and we will also look at land use and coastal erosion. This will all culminate in a day trip to the seaside at the end of June.



Art & Design Technology

In art lessons, we will be working on our drawing skills looking at the treasures from Sutton Hoo. After half term, we will be painting our own seascapes, inspired by the work of Winslow Homer.

Our DT focus is **ELECTRONICS**. Linked to our work in science, we will be designing and making our own lighthouses, complete with working circuits!



Maths

We start the term with a continuing focus on **FRACTIONS** and **DECIMALS**. We will be revisiting unit and non-unit fractions, understanding how equivalent fractions work and learning how to add and subtract fractions. We will then start to work with numbers with up to 2 decimal places which will link nicely to **MONEY**. Our final unit of work will be **TIME**.

The children will also continue to work on times tables before the Y4 multiplication check in June. You can help at home by practising all x tables, particularly x12.



Science

This term, our science work begins with a topic on **ANIMALS** inc **HUMANS**. We will learn about life processes, food chains, the digestive system and teeth in humans and animals.

After half term, we move onto **ELECTRICITY** where we will learn about conductors and insulators, make and test simple circuits and use different components. This knowledge will be put to good use when we design a circuit to go inside our very own lighthouses.



Religious Education

This term is all about **CREATION STORIES IN RELIGION**. We will think about their importance in the Christian, Muslim, Jewish and Hindu faiths.

RRS

In Year 4 this term, the children will be learning more about what it means to be a Rights Respecting School. We will keep revisiting those special 'I' words too. We will be working on our whole school campaign towards the end of the year – watch this space!



Other Subjects

Computing – using Publisher and Flowol
PE – yoga, tennis, indoor athletics
cricket

Music – Sounds of the Sea, Charanga Lean on Me
PSHE – Health and wellbeing, Families

Forest school sessions continue to be on Fridays. Each class will have 4 sessions this term. Please check messages from school for class days.



Enrichment Activities

Whole school art topic inspired by life in the 1970s.

April 15th and 16th - Anglo Saxon workshops at Weston Park museum

June 27th - Year group visit to Scarborough

July 8th - Performance poetry workshops from AS Creatives

Please also keep an eye out for texts about class assembly dates this term.

