

# Year 4 Alder and Cedar Class

We hope you have had a fantastic Christmas break and are keeping well.

## Reminders:

You can contact us by emailing: [year4@westfield.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:year4@westfield.staffs.sch.uk). This will be checked daily at approximately 3.30pm.

PE days - Cedar and Alder's PE days are Monday and Friday. Please ensure children come in to school wearing the correct school P.E. kit.

Cedar: Mrs Robinson, Mrs Steele, Mrs Jones

Alder: Mr Banks, Mr Richardson

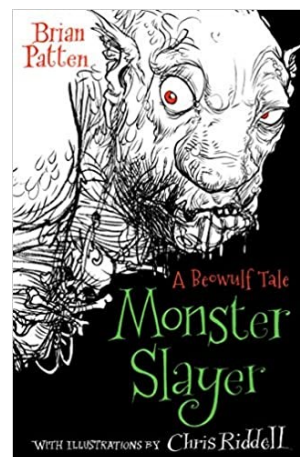
## History—The Anglo-Saxons

Prepare for an exciting journey back in time to the age of the Anglo Saxons! This term, we'll explore the fascinating world of these early settlers in Britain. From their battles for land to the creation of villages and kingdoms, we'll uncover their rich culture, customs, and way of life. We'll also dive into the legends of heroes like Beowulf and explore the powerful impact the Anglo Saxons had on shaping the Britain we know today. Get ready for an adventure full of history, mystery, and discovery!

## Maths

This term, our maths journey continues with a deeper exploration of multiplication and division. Children will develop their understanding of factors, and how multiplication and division work with 10 and 100. They will engage with practical activities to reinforce these concepts, ensuring they are confident in multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. Alongside this, we'll shift focus to length and perimeter, where students will learn to measure, compare, and calculate the perimeter of different shapes. Using hands-on methods, we'll support their understanding and ensure they grasp these important mathematical concepts with confidence.

## English



Inspired by different versions of the folktale of Beowulf and the monster Grendel, Year 4 will create their own mythical monsters to write about.

The children will collect information to showcase their historical knowledge in a biography on Alfred The Great, finding out why he was so important.

Finally, they will be reading a selection of poems by the poet John Lyons, putting their own twist on his poems in order to entertain.

### Religious Education

In the context of Lent, children will identify important beliefs and values of faith communities and ask questions about the importance of these beliefs and values for believers.

### PSHE

Understanding how to stay safe is a key life skill that the children will be learning about in PSHE this half-term. They will differentiate between risks, hazards and dangers and how rules and laws are designed to keep them safe. This will also include being safe online.

### PE

In PE this term, we're focusing on circuit training to improve strength, stamina, and coordination. This is a fun and effective way to get active and build fitness. Also, the children will be learning about orienteering and taking part in outdoor adventurous activities.

### Reading at home - Accelerated Reader

Children will be encouraged to read their chosen book throughout the week in school and at home. They will then complete a quiz on their chosen book to assess their understanding.



### Times tables

Please continue to use 'Times Table Rockstars' to practise rapid recall of multiplication and division facts. Children are expected to know all of their multiplication tables (up to x12) by the end of Year 4.



### Spelling

Please practise the Year 3 and 4 common spelling words regularly.

# Homework

**We have received some absolutely fantastic pieces of homework so far this year! We look forward to seeing some more great projects this half-term!**

Create an Anglo Saxon Shield

Anglo Saxon Village Map

Diary entry as an Anglo Saxon

Make small Anglo-Saxon charms

Find out about someone significant in Anglo-Saxon and make a fact file about the affect they had on Britain

Anglo Saxon Poetry (Beowulf-Inspired)