

## Interesting ways to support learning at home.

Have a look at information about the Anglo Saxons online.

<https://www.britishmuseum.org/learn/schools/ages-7-11/ancient-britain/visit-resource-anglo-saxons>

Help your children to understand Timelines. How many years ago did the Anglo Saxons Invade Britain? Who was there before and who came after?

What was it like to live in an Anglo Saxon village?

## HOW ELSE CAN MY PARENT HELP ME?

Please take a look at our new website and in particular the [Home Learning page](#) where you will find useful websites and spelling resources to support your child's learning at home.

**Reading:** We would encourage children to read for pleasure as much as possible. We allow children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) to choose their own reading books. However, we will always ensure that each child has chosen a book with a suitable level of challenge. We expect all children to be reading independently or to an adult for at least 20 minutes 4 times a week.

**Maths:** "Times Table Rockstars" is a fun, free interactive game online which can be accessed via our school website. All the children have a school log- in which they can use at home. The children should understand how it works. Please encourage your child to play in their spare time, as times tables recall is an essential skill that will help them across the maths curriculum. Children in Year 4 will be sitting a national Times Table Test in the summer term and TT Rockstars is excellent preparation for this.



<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>



All Change!

Lower Key Stage 2 Team



## TOPIC OVERVIEW TERM 1

Welcome back!

It was fantastic to see all our Giraffes, Honeybees and Hawksbill Turtles return to school last week.

Our whole school topic this term is All Change. In lower key stage 2 we will be looking at the Anglo Saxons and considering how they changed life in Britain. The children will be given the opportunity to think about what it would have been like to be an Anglo Saxon Invader and why they chose to settle in Britain.

We are hoping to be able to take the children to see some local Anglo Saxon sites of historical value later in the Autumn term.

Year 3 /4 team.



## THIS TERM, YOU WILL LEARN...

<b>English</b>	Here we are- Oliver Jeffers (Setting Description letter writing, poetry) Beowulf – Children will become immersed in the modern adaption of the Old English Poem through drama and talk for writing activities. They will then use their imaginations to carry out descriptive writing to entertain the reader based on the book.
<b>Maths</b>	Week of Inspirational Maths Place Value – Children will deepen their understanding of the place value system in 3 and 4 digit numbers, through using manipulatives and visual models. They will then apply their understanding to problem solving contexts.
<b>Science</b>	Nutrition & Teeth, Skeletons.
<b>Design &amp; Technology</b>	Dying wool with natural dyes as the Saxons would have done, then weaving the wool to make fabrics. Cooking – Anglo Saxon Honey Bread.
<b>History</b>	Understanding chronology through time. Children will explore who the Anglo Saxons were, why they came and what life was like for them over the course of the term.
<b>Art</b>	Take One Picture week. Art will feature heavily in English and Topic lessons.
<b>PE</b>	Dance Athletics
<b>French</b>	All about me.
<b>Music</b>	Graphic Notation, composition.
<b>PSHE</b>	The Art of Brilliance – How to be a happy school.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THIS TERM

### PE:

Please could you ensure that children come to school wearing their PE kit on a Monday and a Wednesday. PE kits should include:

- A plain white top / house top (summer)
- Plain black or navy joggers / shorts
- A school rugby top (winter) – these are a new addition to our PE uniform and are available from 'Make It Mine', our school uniform shop. Alternatively a black or navy jumper (no hoodies).
- Sports trainers (can be same as those worn to school, if dark coloured) however we will be doing rugby so a change of shoes is preferable if possible.

Please make sure that all school uniform items (including PE kits) are clearly labelled.

### Snacks:

We would encourage you to send your child in with a healthy snack (fruit or cheese) that can be eaten at playtime. It is also important that your child brings a water bottle to school each day.

### Mornings/ End of Day:

The school day starts at **8:30am** so the children should arrive via the one way system and go straight to their classroom door (Giraffes should enter via the slope with the white railings). At this point parents will need to allow their child to enter the school building with their class and class teacher. **At 3:00 pm**, all classes will be dismissed from the same locations. If your child has a play date or is being collected by someone else, please inform the office, as without permission we will be unable to allow the children to go.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS

We are very excited about getting to know our new classes and learning all about the Anglo Saxons.

We are happy to speak to you about any concerns you may have, but at the moment this would need to be by telephone. Please email or telephone the school office [parents@cholsey.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:parents@cholsey.oxon.sch.uk) and we will get back to you – most likely at the end of the school day (unless urgent). The school office can also pass any messages to us at the start of the day.