

# 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).

PE days - Cedar Wednesday and Friday /Alder Monday and Friday .

Please ensure children come in to school wearing the correct school P.E. kit.

Cedar: Mrs Platek, Miss Curtis and Mrs Roberts Alder: Mr Banks, Mrs Steele and Mr Richardson

## Traders & Invaders!

The year is AD 410 and the once mighty Roman Empire is crumbling. Sailing across the North Sea, ships land on Britain's eastern shores. They carry the Saxons, pirate raiders and strong soldiers.

THE SAXONS ARE COMING!

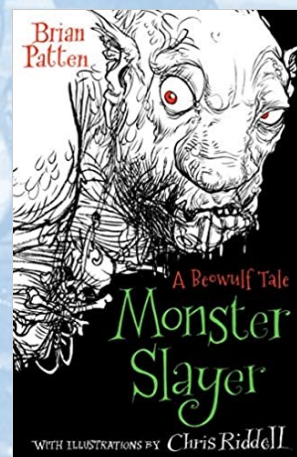
We will research and explore the everyday life of Anglo-Saxon settlers and Viking raiders through a range of source materials. The children will then choose how to record and present their findings to others.

## Maths

Children will have fun using a range of concrete and pictorial representations to deepen their understanding of multiplying and dividing.

- They will explore the link between counting in multiples and their times-tables.
- Investigate strategies and patterns for multiplication and division and the different methods that can be used,
- Children will also be solving word problems that include multiplication and division.

## 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 create a collection of information texts from fact files to letters and reviews to showcase their historical knowledge.

### 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

This half-term, children will develop a range of Outdoor Adventurous Activity skills. They will also create a dance using a range of movements, with different levels, speeds and direction.

### 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!**

Find out about the local Anglo-Saxon and Viking invasions in the local area.

Find out about the chief Viking gods (Odin, Thor and Frey) . Choose a way to show what you have found out, like an information booklet or a PowerPoint presentation.

Draw a picture or make a model , with clay or modelling dough, of your favourite deity.

Research simple Viking embroidery patterns, using a needle and coloured thread, embroider a small handkerchief. You could even give it to someone as a gift!

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

Try making some Anglo-Saxon bread or Viking flatbread, search online for recipes.