



Townlands C of E Primary Academy

"A journey of learning in the light of God's love"

Faith, Honesty, Love, Friendship, Forgiveness, Hope, Respect

"What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade."

The parable of the Mustard seed- Mark 4:30-32

Year Four - Spring Term 2026 - First Half term

TEACHERS: Mrs Peel and Mrs Whittaker

A message from the Year Four Team

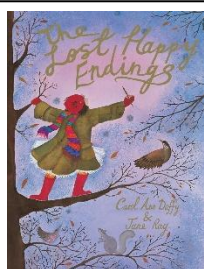
Happy New Year and welcome back to a busy Spring Term in Year 4. We hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday and we wish you a Happy New Year.

This half-term, our history topic leads our learning as we explore the Anglo-Saxons. The children will develop their historical understanding about life in Britain from 400 AD. We will be exploring artefacts and learning all about the ground-breaking discovery at Sutton Hoo. We will also explore the impact that Anglo-Saxons had on religion and culture in England. In art, we will be developing our sketching skills, using Anglo-Saxon artefacts as inspiration.

In June, all Year Four children will be completing the Multiplication Tables Check, which consists of 25 times table questions. We will prepare for this in class, but to further support your child's learning, please visit www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/ to practise this.

For more information about what we're covering this term, please refer to our Curriculum Map and Knowledge Organisers available on our class page.

Books we will be using to enhance our learning and love of reading



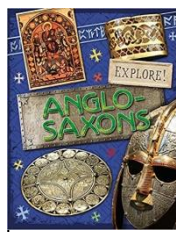
If it were not for Jub there would be no happy endings, none at all. But one night, on her way to make sure that every story told in the world ends well, Jub is caught by a wicked witch who steals all the happy endings.



A non-fiction text exploring the type of jobs Anglo-Saxon people did and what it was like living in an Anglo-Saxon village. How did the Anglo-Saxons use songs, poems and riddles?



There's more to the Anglo-Saxons than just the Sutton Hoo! We can learn a lot about the people and culture of this era from found objects such as images stitched onto cloth, jewellery made from gold and some fearsome weapons.



The Anglo-Saxons gave England its name and helped create the country we know today. Find out where the Anglo-Saxons came from, about their conflicts with the Vikings and how the Anglo-Saxon kings ruled.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday and is due in the following Wednesday

- The homework task will be maths based using MyMaths or with a theme-based project set to be completed at the end of half term.
- Please continue to log into Times Table Rockstars to learn your times tables.
- Weekly spellings will be available on the Year 4 home learning page of the school website. Children will be tested on Friday.
- Reading: All children have an Accelerated Reader reading record and reading book. Please listen to your child read at least five times a week and record in their reading record. Please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading record in every day.

PE

P.E. will be with our sports coach **Mr Moon on a Wednesday morning and on a Thursday afternoon** and it is important that the children come to school in their P.E. kit in school on these days. This needs to include an outdoor kit which is joggers, sweatshirt and trainers and indoor kit which is shorts, T-shirt and plimsolls. 4CE have dance indoors and 4LW have hockey outdoors on Tuesday.

Health & Safety reminder: No jewellery to be worn during PE lessons, however if earrings cannot be removed, then they need taping over. Please ensure that long hair is tied up and children have a hair bobble in their PE kit.

Water

The children need to continue to bring to school fresh **water** (not juice or flavoured water) each day in a labelled bottle. It is important they do this because they do get thirsty throughout the day. We thank you for your cooperation with this.

Keep looking at our pages on the website for information and activities. If you have any queries or questions at any time, then please feel free to telephone or email the school office.

Finally, keep an eye on Townland's Facebook feed for the latest updates and successes.

Dates for your diary:

INSET day - Monday 5th January

Anglo-Saxon Artefacts in class - Tuesday 6th January - Wednesday 14th January

4EP/LW Class Assembly - Friday 6th February