



# BEOWULF

## Year 4 Spring 2/Summer 1

Hop into your time machines to discover life as an Anglo-Saxon and hear the story of Beowulf. We will find out about the Anglo-Saxon culture and art becoming storytellers and craftspeople. Were you an Angle, a Saxon or Jute?



### You can help your child at home by:

- ★ Sharing and reading texts/programs based on history
- ★ Encouraging your child to share their learning with you
- ★ Focusing on your child's Literacy, Maths and Reading targets. Try and disguise their learning!
- ★ Learning the spellings and reading of words -  
**Year 4:** Secure the Year 3 and 4 National Curriculum word list. Can your child show off their understanding of these words in their writing and speaking? Again, encourage your child to look up the meaning of these words and add them to their personal dictionary. Don't forget to use the Spelling Strategies under the weekly spelling lists in homework books.
- ★ Please continue to work on having a quick recall of all the times tables up to 12.

### Activity Ideas:

- ★ Access and explore the History Shed –there is a lovely video based on the history of Lego – it doesn't need to be Anglo-Saxons to be learning about history!
- ★ Try reading the Beowulf story, there are lots of child friendly versions out there including one by Michael Morpurgo.
- ★ Ask family members for a riddle they may know. Write your own riddles and get Year 4 to work them out.
- ★ Have a go at becoming a storyteller and try adding props/sounds to help your child tell a story!
- ★ Collect facts on post-it notes to add to our topic table or add a question to our 'Wonder Wall'.

### Websites to visit:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/zxsbcdm>

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/trail/conquest/wessex\\_kings/coins\\_intro.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/trail/conquest/wessex_kings/coins_intro.shtml)

<https://www.usborne.com/quicklinks/eng/?loc=uk> and search 'YR Beowulf' – there are lots of website links!

### Apps to try:

Spelling Shed, Horrible Histories Magazine Lite, Times Table Rockstars (subscription required), SqueeblesTT2, Maths Hit the Button, Crazy Maths Adventure, Mr Thorne's Time Table Terra and 10 Minutes A Day, YodelOhMath Mountain School Edition, Operation Math and Math Bingo (addition, subtraction, division, multiplication).

You will find a topic homework task attached to this, as our Spring 2 is a short term we have included the Easter holidays for your child to complete their homework. The **maths, grammar** and weekly **spelling tasks** will continue to come home. New Mathematics tasks have also been set. Let us know if you and your child have any problems logging on/completing the tasks/or would like more to try - you have this half term including the Easter holidays to complete the tasks set.

Keep up to date with Year 4 and find out what the class are focusing on within our topic. We will add any notices, reminders and important dates onto the page too. You will find our page by accessing the school website, [whaleybridge.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://whaleybridge.derbyshire.sch.uk), click on the 'Classes' tab and then the 'Year 4' link.

☺ **Date change: Year 4W & F's class assemblies will now be together on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April** ☺

If you have any questions, ideas to share or would just like a chat, we are always available after school. Here's to a history-packed term! ☺ Miss Farrell & Miss Worsley ☺