

### English

This half term we will be reading a simplified version of the important Anglo-Saxon epic poem **Beowulf** called 'Beowulf the Hero' by Tony Bradman and Tony Ross. We will use this to inspire us to write our own version of the story of Beowulf. Our work will incorporate some of the features of Anglo-Saxon poetry such as kennings, which are a way of describing something using figurative language.

### Maths

In maths we will be multiplying by 1- and 2-digit numbers and dividing by 1-digit with and without remainders.

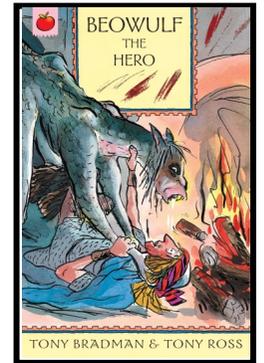
Next, we will explore fractions. This will include finding equivalent fractions, comparing fractions, ordering fractions, converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions, and adding and subtracting fractions.

### Science

In science this half term we will be learning about forces. We will identify different types of resistance and investigate the effects of resistance and friction that act between moving surfaces. We will be able to recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect. We will explore how scientists, in particular Isaac Newton, helped to investigate and develop the theory of gravity.



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### History

This term we will find out how the Vikings travelled to, raided then settled in Britain and what changes this brought to daily life.

We will learn how Alfred the Great began to bring together the separate kingdoms of Britain into one United Kingdom.

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**Enrichment:** Pantomime

**PE:** Tuesday

### RE

This half term, our focus is Buddhism. We will be learning about the importance of meditation to find enlightenment.

### PSHE

In PSHE, we will talk about the importance of discussing our feelings with an adult and seeking support when we need it.

We will be learning how to cope with difficult situations.

### French (KS2 only)

This term, we will learn about parts of the body.

### Geography

Our focus will be migration: why people migrate, where they might migrate to and their reasons for this, how migration changes places and the effects it has on global trade.

### Music

We will focus on jazz music and will play and read rhythms and begin to learn how to improvise. Alongside this, we will prepare to perform a song for Chinese New Year.

### DT

This term we will be investigating the built environment through drawing, learning about the work of artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser and exploring the symbolism of monument design.

### Computing

We will be using coding to create games. Features will include making characters move and jump, adding music and a scoring system. We will also remind ourselves of the importance of staying safe online.

### Suggested places to visit

The British Museum

### Suggested books to read

Anglo-Saxon Boy by Tony Bradman

Sir Gawain and the Green Knight by Karen Wallace and Neil Chapman