Year 4 – Smashing Saxons!

Autumn Term 2 2026

St Barnabas C of E Primary School

Christian Value: Justice

Theme: A citizen of the world

SMASHING SAXONS

Key Questions:

What was life like as an Anglo-Saxon child?

How was the Justice system different in Anglo-Saxon times?

How can I make healthy choices for myself and others?

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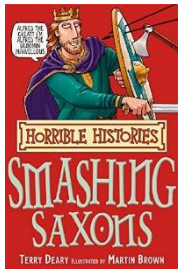
Children will be debating the question "Should retaliation against bullying be allowed?" :

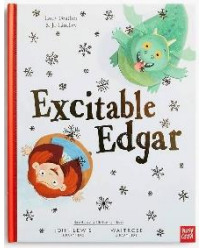
- Using specialist vocabulary when discussing a known topic
- Giving reasons to support a point of view
- Building on another point of view
- Presenting their story maps

The children will be reading…

Be inspired by books:







Reading

During reading activities, the children will be focusing on:

- The Iron Man: learning linked to the class text
- Non- fiction books linked to the Anglo-Saxons
- The Excitable Edgar story
- Using their VIPERS comprehension skills: Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explain, Retrieval, Summarise
- Regular reading for enjoyment, promoting fluency and good 'book talk'

Writing

Writing will be based on Anti-bullying, The Iron Man, Anglo-Saxon life and Excitable Edgar.
The children will be:

- Taking part in a debate based on the question "Should retaliation against bullying be allowed?"
- Writing a diary entry from Hogarth's return home after he had caught the Iron Man
- Creating a comic strip about the Anglo-Saxons
- Writing an apology letter from Edgar
- Retelling a scene from the Excitable Edgar

Maths

This term our key areas of learning will be focused on:

- Multiples of 3 and 4
- Multiplying and dividing by 6,7,9
- Using the 3,6,7,9,11,12 facts
- Multiplying by 1 and 0
- Dividing a number by 1 and itself
- Multiplying three numbers
- Learning and using rapid recall for the 3 and 4 times tables

Diary dates: Friday 13th November: Children in Need –wear something spotty with PE kit
Week beginning 16th November: Anti- Bullying Week- Break the Silence (Odd socks day Monday 16th November)
Tuesday 17th November: M and M theatre production
Tuesday 24th November: Into Film Cinema visit (no cost)
Tuesday 15th December: Christingle Service in Church (6pm)

Music

4M Learn to play the cornet
Composing and recording their own music based on Mama Mia
4S Skills involved will be:

- Composing
- Singing
- Playing the recorder and glockenspiel

PE and Outdoor Learning

Games – To play invasion games based on hockey and apply basic principles suitable for attacking and defending

4S pupils will develop problem solving skills and teamwork through a range of challenges
4M Swimming
Outdoor Learning - will take place throughout a range of curriculum areas

Design Technology

In DT lessons, children will be:

- Evaluating a biscuit recipe by adapting an existing one
- Considering the cost and keeping within a budget when selecting ingredients

Computing

The children will be learning how to:

- Describe methods used to persuade people to buy online
- Understand how to search safely online
- Explain the difference between fact, opinion and belief
- Explain what a bot is
- Explain the positive and negative distractions of technology

History

Children will be developing their understanding of:

- The history of Great Britain from the Romans to the invasion of Anglo-Saxons
- Settlements, kingdoms and place names
- Anglo- Saxon's and village life
- Diet and recreation for the Anglo-Saxons
- Crime and punishment in Anglo-Saxon times

Children will be asking probing questions about Anglo-Saxon life, in order to produce a comic strip on "A day in the life of an Anglo-Saxon child"

PSHE and Thrive

Through learning about making healthy choices, the children will be exploring:

- What a balanced diet is; why having one matters
- How being active can help my mind and body
- How to keep my energy up throughout the day
- How to get support for myself and others
- How I can respond when things feel hard
- Why helping others is good for me

The children will also be taking part in activities for Anti-bullying Week

Science

Through learning about electricity, children will be able to:

- Identify common appliances that run on electricity
- Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic components
- Identify whether a lamp will light in a simple series circuit
- Recognise some common conductors and insulators
- Have a clear understanding of the scientific vocabulary connected with this topic



Spellings

The children will be learning to:

- Add the suffix -ly
- Add the prefix auto-
- Add the prefix inter-

Religious Education

Through learning about Hinduism, children will be exploring:

- What Hindus believe God is like
- What Hindu symbols and stories show about believing in Brahman
- How many Gods there are in popular Hinduism

French

Children will be able to:

- Correctly identify items of clothing based on the written word and use accurate pronunciation
- Compose a sentence using **j'aime** or **je n'aime pas**
- Use **il/elle** correctly and place the adjective in the correct position in relation to the noun

British Values

Children will be:

- Discussing the Rule of Law in Anglo-Saxon times compared to modern day
- Discussing democracy and justice in the news

