

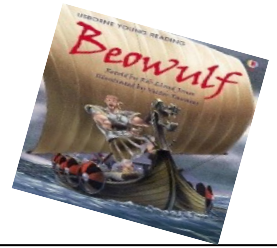


# St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

## Year 4 Newsletter

### Summer 1



Our Learning Challenge for this term is '**Were the Anglo-Saxons really smashing?**'

During this half term, Year 4 will explore the History of Britain as we learn about the Anglo-Saxons. In this topic the children will learn about who the Saxons were; why they came to England and how they have influenced our lives today. We will investigate how England changed due to the Anglo-Saxons and will use our design skills to build our own model settlement.

#### English

During this half term, we will be using the story: 'Beowulf' from the Usborne Young Reading series to support our writing. Through this story, we will explore the skills a warrior needed and they will write a letter to the King persuading him that they are the best person for the job.

To support our non-fiction writing, we will be using our imagination to recreate our own monster for the story of Beowulf.

#### Reading

A big thank you to those parents who hear their children read every night at home. The school continues to see a tremendous difference in their confidence and skills within reading.

Please continue to listen to your children read every night at home. Every child who reads 5 times a week, is entered into the 'Star Reader' draw to win a free book!

All children will also continue to have access to the 'Bug Club' online library. Please encourage your children to access this fantastic resource at home if you are able to do so.

#### Maths

For this half term, the children will learn about decimals, money and measure.

Please ensure they do the **Maths homework** in their learning log.

A reminder that all children in Year 4 need to know their multiplication tables to 12x12 by the end of the year. They will complete a National Multiplication Check in June. There are 25 questions and they need to get all of them correct to pass.

To support the children in this, please encourage your child to access 'Times Table Rockstars' online if they are able to do so.

#### Science

During this half term, Year 4 will be exploring the three states of matter: Solids, Liquids and Gases.

Year 4 will be examining the changes that take place inside some materials as they change state. They will be using their scientific skills of predicting, observing and evaluating to explore what can affect the speed at which changes take place.



#### P.E.

All children in Year 4 will be having **swimming lessons on a Wednesday morning** starting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April and will need swimming trunks (boys) or costume (girls), and a towel. **All children must wear a swimming cap otherwise they will not be allowed to swim.**

No Jewellery to be worn. Please ensure earrings are removed on swimming days.