

Welcome to Griffin Class

Your Class Teachers is Mrs Mottershead (aka Mrs M) and Learning Support Assistants; **Mrs Styles** and **Mrs Nelluri**.

This term we will be learning about the Anglo- Saxon period of British history. We will be keeping active through PE to help our brains learn better and also brain breaks using Go Noodle.

History

This term we will be looking at the Anglo-Saxons and will hopefully be making a trip to Kent Life to cement our understanding of this period of British history. We will learn about Invaders and Settlers: The Arrival of the Anglo-Saxons, Anglo Saxon Village Life and Society, Pagan Beliefs and Sutton Hoo discovery, The return of Christianity to Britain, Alfred the Great and the Viking threat and the unifications of the seven kingdoms into one England.

Science

We will be making comparisons between animals and humans including looking at how we develop and age, the human stages and growth including looking at life expectancy and longevity compared to animals. We will examine our diet and exercise and look at which animals share things we use in the way of what foods they need to survive and stay healthy. We will look at how man has evolved compared to our nearest animal relatives.

English

The whole school will spend some time looking at a book called Ocean meets Sky by the Fan brothers. This will link to Art and there will be a chance for you to come and see your child's writing and art.

We will then move onto Gorilla by Anthony Brown which ties into our guided Reading for the first two weeks, we will be reading Silly Billy by the same author.

Children who are behind in the year's expectation will have phonic intervention and use colourful semantics to help them structure their writing.

The Anglo- Saxons Term 1 Griffin Class



Computing

We will go over e safety for one lesson and then move onto learning how to use coding using Purple Mash.

Maths

The first term of a new academic year always starts with place value and we will assess where the children are and put in interventions for those not at age expected level. There will be a times tables test once a week. Year 4 need to know all their tables for the statutory test in May.

Music

Rhythm and Ensemble Skills

Maintain a steady pulse while performing different rhythms. Develop rhythmic notation and ensemble awareness. Explore time signatures and rhythmic patterns

Rules

**Be Ready
Be Respectful
Be Responsible**

R.E.

We will be looking at what it's like to be a Hindu in Britain today and I am hoping to get someone of the faith to come and speak to the children. We will make comparisons with the Christian Faith.

PHSE

**Me and My Relationships
Collaboration Challenge
How good a friend is
Our emotional needs
Being Assertive
Relationship cake recipe**

Art/DT

We will be completing some work linked to English where the children will choose their medium they want to use for their final picture. ART will not be taught this term, but will be blocked in for Term 2 learning some exciting lessons, leading up to Christmas.

P.E.

It is vital that PE kits are in school and we will be ringing parents to bring them in if forgotten. We will be completing the Daily Mile every day. For outdoor PE we will be learning the skills of basket ball on Tuesdays and gymnastics in the hall on Thursdays.