

## Year 4 Topic Plan Autumn 2016

### Technology

Exploring structures—Saxon house.

### Computing

Espresso coding — introducing Variables.  
Collaborative website building.  
Researching the Anglo-Saxons.

### Science

Electricity.

Understanding and drawing circuit diagrams using symbols.  
Exploring the difference between insulators and conductors.  
Finding out about power from mains and batteries / Batteries.

### Art and Design

Designing and making a Saxon brooch or pendant from clay.  
Creating Beowulf and dragon scenes—pastels. Exploring pattern, tessellation and using design dragon scales.

### French

Mon anniversaire.

### Music

Playing the ukulele  
Christmas Performance.

### PE

Basket ball, hockey, dance, gymnastics.

### RE

Disciples, St. Bede, St. Cuthbert.  
Christmas traditions

### Outdoor Learning

Observational drawing—artefacts.  
Draw and measure dragons on yard.  
Plant herbs/vegetables.  
Build wattle and daub wall.

Amazing  
Anglo  
Saxons



### Potential Visits

Bede's World (if re-opened in time).

### Maths

Using 3D shapes and nets to build Saxon houses.  
Measuring dragons and dragon dens (length mm, cm, m).  
Word and time problems linked to Beowulf and dragons.

### Geography

Where did the Saxons come from?  
Exploring Saxon place names .  
Design plans of a Saxon village using knowledge of settlements.  
Learning about regions of the UK.

### History

Why is Sutton Hoo important  
Timeline to show where in history the Anglo Saxons are placed  
The family life and roles of people in Saxon times.  
Monks and Manuscripts

### Literacy

Fiction— Exploring characters and setting in the story of Beowulf and The Ice Palace  
Non-fiction— Dragonology.  
Poetry—dragons.

### PSHE

Keeping myself safe.

**What you can do to help:** Research the Anglo Saxons on the web, visit the library for information books, measuring objects around the house, find 2D and 3D shapes, visit Durham Cathedral. Support with spelling lists. Listen to your child read daily.