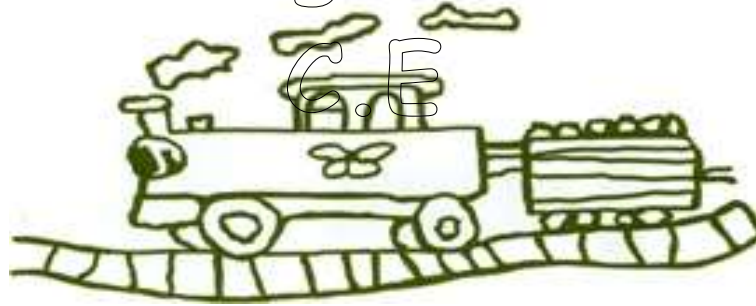


# Grange View



## First School

Welcome to this half terms Topic  
Information letter for Willow and  
Year 3

Mrs Timmins & Miss Conroy  
Mrs Cessford

— — — **Anglo**



# **Saxons**

Summer Half Term (1)

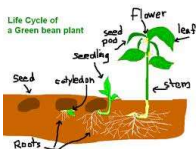
## Numeracy:

Year 3 will be continuing with fractions learning to order, add and subtract fractions. We will then begin learning about time

Year 4 will be looking at decimals, money, time and shape. We will continue to develop our skills in problem solving and reasoning.

## Science -plants

We will be learning about the parts and functions of parts of plants and exploring what they need for growth and life. We will then investigate how water is transported through plants and how flowers play a part in the life cycle of flowering plants.



During our time in forest school, we will be exploring plants in the area and learning about the different types of pollinators at work.

## Music - Violins Thursday afternoons

As part of our Music connections, all children in Year 4 have learnt to play the violins. Our new tutor has taught us lots of new songs and how to use our instrument. We are more confident and can now play using the strings and bow. We can play several different songs confidently. We are continuing to use our fingers on the strings to play more notes.



## Literacy

### Reading

During this half term children will read in a variety of situations throughout the week at school in a shared whole class session, in a small group guided session, one to one with an adult and also independently. The children will look at a range of stories during carpet time as well as Imaginary settings and poetry.

### Writing

The children will write in the following genres; Newspaper reports and recounts.

We will continue with topic based writing on our Friday lessons, using our subject word power words. We will target key skills in SPAG lessons as well as continuing to work through their spellings in a weekly test.

### Speaking & Listening

Children will be developing a lot of their skills during the residential at the end of term.

Needing to listen and communicate with each other in team tasks.

## Art/DT

Children will be making an Anglo Saxon model village out of junk modeling to further their learning on the Anglo Saxons. They will also make a clay model of Alfred the Great after learning about him during history.



## PE - Games

This term we are developing our games skills with Coach Joe from rugby. We will focus on tag rugby and hopefully be able to play full games by the end of the term.



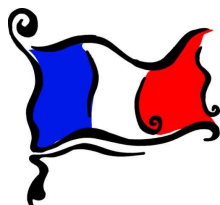
Swimming is taught by qualified swimming coaches at Morpeth Leisure Centre every Wednesday afternoon, the children are always supervised by school staff.

## RE - Why is Abraham so important to many people? (Judaism)



Carrying on from our introduction to Judaism last half term, we will be focusing in on Abraham and his importance within Judaism. We will learn the stories about him and how he impacted the Jewish religion through his acts and stories told about him.

## MFL - French - Travel



The children will be taught how to say statements about travel in French. They will be able to state where they are going and the means of transport they will take.

## PSHE- Health and wellbeing

This term we will be learning all about being safe by thinking about how to keep ourselves safe in a variety of environments and online. We will think about people that help us to be safe and how we can get help if we need to. We will also learn what to do emergency situations.



## History/Geography

We will be learning all about the Anglo Saxons and their impact in Britain this half term. We will explore the idea if they were invaders or settlers, look at the famous Sutton Hoo burials and discover the famous Anglo Saxon Kings and their Kingdoms. We will find out about the local history of Lindisfarne and its role in early Christianity.

They will learn about how we still have place names that came from the Anglo Saxons and use maps to locate these places around England.



## ICT -iMovie



To link with their work the children will predominantly be using iMovie to present their knowledge from the half term topic work. We will be using iMovie on the iPads, learning how to edit and improve their movies.

## Homework

**Reading** - Children will be bringing home their home reading books during the week. It would be helpful if you could either write or sign the book to say you have heard them read, it helps us to avoid repeat reading the same pages. *Group Reading* takes place each week with their class teacher and TA, the children will be given a set number of pages to read for their next weekly session. Please sign their book once they have read them. Additionally the children may bring home a third book that they have taken out of the library on our Friday visit.

**Spellings** - Children will be given differentiated spellings to learn for their weekly spelling test on a Friday morning. Please help your child as much as possible learn these words as they will help with their confidence and fluency as both a reader and writer.

**Maths Homework** - Mathematics homework will continue to be set weekly for children to access at home. There is also a big focus currently on times tables and being fluent with them. Therefore the homework in KS2 is that children need to access Times Tables Rock Stars at home. They each have their own log ins and should be using it to practise at home. The program automatically sets questions at their pace and level. We ask that the children focus on the Studio and Sound check games on the app. Please let us know if you have any difficulties accessing this at home.

**Thanks for your help and continued support**

## Swimming (Year 3 and 4)

We would be grateful if you could please ensure your child's clothes are clearly labeled with their name. This is especially helpful when we go swimming, as there are occasions when clothes do get mixed up, or are left in the changing rooms. Could parents also ensure they have their swimming hats, and pierced ears need to have the earrings removed. If you are available to help any **Wednesday afternoon** with swimming please get in touch, the more helpers the better!

## Forest School / PE Kits

**Willow Class** will be using the **Forest area** on a **Thursday** afternoon and **PE** on **MONDAYS**.

We have waterproof trousers which we provide for each child but please ensure that their wellies and warm winter coat /hat / gloves are in school so they that are comfortable.

As with our COVID regulations, please can you send your child to school in their kit on a Tuesday so they do not need to get changed.

## Home Time

If you need to change the usual arrangements for picking up your child from school, please let school know as soon as possible. As you will understand we cannot allow children to leave the school premises unless we have permission from parents or carers.