#### Dear Parents.

This half term our topic allows us to explore another Historical period, one which has shaped a large proportion of our culture and heritage today. During the term, they will use a range of secondary sources to discover what has been learnt from archaeological sites, who the Anglo Saxons were, how long they ruled and where they invaded. They will make links to previous work on castles and the Romans as well as studying the faith and significant figures of this time and our locality.

Mrs Chapman and Mrs Timmins.

Our recommended read:
This half term 'Beowulf' by Rob
Lloyd Jones and Victor Tavares
will be available at the library
or in school for you to borrow
and share at home.

Which days of the week are names after pagan Gods?

How many kingdoms were there in Anglo Saxon times? What are their names?





What did Alfred the Great burn when hiding from a raiding party?

What did
archaeologists discover
at Sutton Hoo?

What was the name of the three biggest tribes?

### Summer 2



#### **Augustine**

He was the first missionary to England and built the first church. He was sent by the Pope to convert the people.



#### **Athelstan of Wessex**

He was the first King of England. He was famous for collecting relics and donating them to churches generously.



#### **Harold Godwinson**

He was the last Saxon King of England, who died at the battle of Hastings.
Previously, he successfully defeated the Vikings and ended the threat of Viking raids on England.

#### Useful words

Alfred the Great – stopped the Vikings conquering all of England

archaeologist— people who work out our history by looking at artefacts that have been found

**churl-** A lower class Anglo Saxon but better than a slave

**Kingdoms** – areas ruled by the Anglo Saxons

pagan—someone who follows a multi God religion practiced in Northern Europe.

runes- Anglo Saxon alphabet

**Shire reeve**— the peace officer of a shire (known now as a sheriff)

shires- where the land was divided up, this helped make the counties we have today

thane – an important Anglo Saxon person

tribe – a mix of people from Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands

wergild – a fine given for stealing or killing

witan- a council that helped each Saxon King to rule

## Things to remember:

Monday- No PE

Tuesday - Chestnut PE / Willow Outdoor learning

Wednesday -KS2 PE & Forest school Thursday - Reading books changed and Chestnut outdoor learning Friday- Spelling test and Willow PE

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> June Countryside show Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June Crazyputt golfing

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