

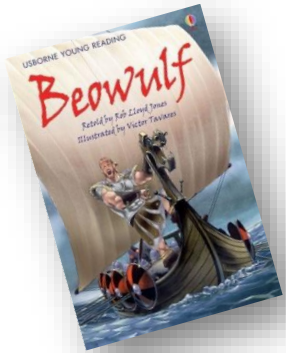
Dear Parents,

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

**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?

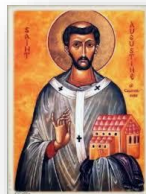
What was the name of the three biggest tribes?

## Summer 2

**Things to remember:**

Monday –  
Tuesday - NUFC PE  
Wednesday – PE & Forest school  
Thursday – Reading books changed  
Friday - Library visit

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day



**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