

## Maths

We will be focusing on place value, including Roman numerals, negative numbers and the value of digits in numbers up to 9999. We will also revisit all four areas of calculation by rehearsing our formal written methods and developing mental strategies to support these. Additionally, we will use this knowledge to help us calculate area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes. Please encourage your child to practise their times tables regularly as this will really support our learning in class.

## Literacy

This term we will be enjoying the rich Viking tale of Beowulf where we will be inspired to produce our own monster story using figurative language! Our next focus will be engaging with recounts and newspaper report writing where we will be looking forward to working on quotations, direct and reported speech culminating in producing our own newspaper report on the Anglo-Saxon invasion-exciting times!

In term 2, we will be focusing on Ted Hughes' 'The Snowshoe Hare' and 'Hyena', focusing on poetic devices, including personification and metaphor. We will use these to create effects in our own poems. Towards Christmas we will be looking at The Chronicles of Narnia as part of our fantasy stories unit.



# Year 4 - Term 1 & 2



## Science

This term we will be starting our topic on sound', how sounds are made and the link between the ear and vibrations. Additionally, we will be using data loggers to accurately record sounds at different distances. Term 2 will see us exploring 'Animals including humans' where we will be examining the digestive system, finding out about teeth and hair functions. We will end the topic learning about how food chains work and the interdependent relationships within them.

## History

We will be researching and investigating the arrival of the Anglo-Saxons in Britain and considering what historical artefacts can teach us. We will then move onto the invasion of the Vikings and explore their impact socially and culturally.

## Art / Music

We will recap sketching and shading techniques using a variety of tools. We will then focus on art linked with Beowulf, using illustrations as inspiration for our own creations.

In music, our learning will be based around ABBA songs, especially Mamma Mia.

**French** In French, we will be recapping French colours, parts of the body, and learning the names of different animals.

**Computing** We will be focusing on e-safety and thinking about our rights of responsibility both online and offline. We will explore how to be good digital citizens and then move onto computer programming exploring algorithms.

**PE** In PE we will be playing netball and rugby, before moving onto gymnastics in the hall.

**RE/Life-Learning** Our RE this term and throughout the Year 4 curriculum will focus predominantly on the Sikh faith. This will be linked to our Life Learning themes showing an understanding and appreciation of how different cultures and religions make decisions in their lives.