



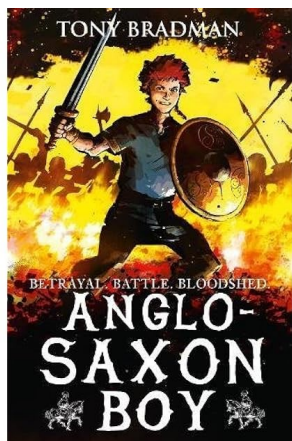
Year 4 Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2: Mon 3 Nov - Fri 19 Dec



Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back to another half term! A big thank you to you all for your support, creativity and ingenuity in relation to the children's science projects! They were all fantastic and lots of them are on display in the corridor for the whole school and any visitors to see.



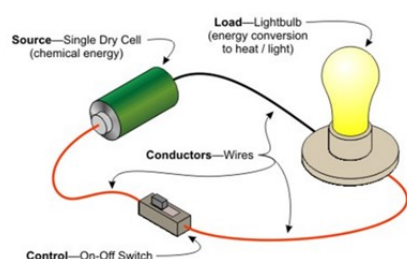
In **English** we will be looking at the Tony Bradman book 'Anglo Saxon Boy' which again links with our History topic. After the success of our story writing last half term, we will now be focussing on descriptive writing, including figurative language such as metaphors and similes in a diary entry.

In **Maths** we will continue our work on addition and subtraction, where we will consolidate formal column written methods, work on different mental methods for addition and subtraction and then use estimation and inverse to check our calculation. By the end of this work, we will be dealing with up to 2 step problems, considering carefully what the question requires. We will then move onto the topic of length and perimeter learning about equivalent lengths and

the addition and subtraction of lengths. We will also measure perimeter and learn how to calculate perimeters of rectilinear shapes. We will continue to practise our timetables throughout the year in preparation for the National Multiplication Tables Check in June.

Our current **History** unit, 'Anglo Saxons and Vikings – Friends or Enemies?' unit will involve us continuing to look carefully at what happened in Britain after the fall of the Roman Empire in the West. We will look at the different invaders and settlers during this period, their actions and their reasons for doing what they did. We will look at life and beliefs in these times, and examine some of the great battles which took place.

Throughout we will consider and discuss the complex relationship between the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings.



In **Science** we will be considering whether or not we could live without electricity for one day! We will look at electrical safety, identify common appliances that run on electricity and construct a simple series electrical circuit including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers. We will also investigate some common conductors and insulators.

In **RE** we will be moving onto our next topic 'What kind of world did Jesus want?'. We will identify the Gospels as the stories of Jesus' life and teachings and discuss Jesus' disciples, and how Christians believe that Jesus' actions show them how to live their lives.

For homework, children are expected to read every day and I will be continuing to set one maths task per week from the CGP homework book. This is marked every Friday and on that day I give the children their homework task for the following Friday,

Please remember to send **trumpets** to school on **Fridays** for our class brass lesson.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Mr Coates