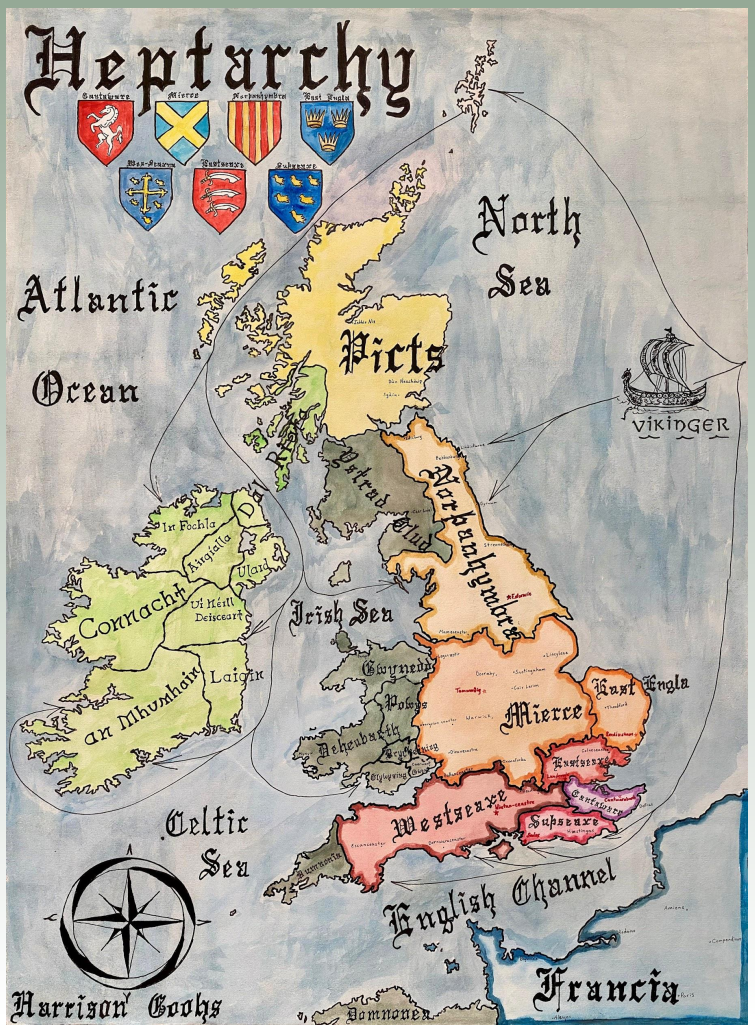
Year 4 Topic Letter

Autumn 1: How was Britain Built?



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Our topic in Year 4 this term is called

How was Britain built?

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) link:

Article 20: You have the right to special protection and assistance provided by the State if you can't live with your parents.

Article 22: You have the right to special protection and help if you are a refugee. A refugee is someone who has had to leave their country because it is not safe for them to live there.

MATHS

This term, we will focus on number and place value, working with numbers up to 10,000 and introducing negative numbers. We will also continue to develop skills in addition and subtraction with four-digit numbers. It is very important that your child practises their times tables regularly at home so that they can develop their mental arithmetic skills and recall times tables facts fluently. They could use Times Tables Rockstars or Hit the Button.

English

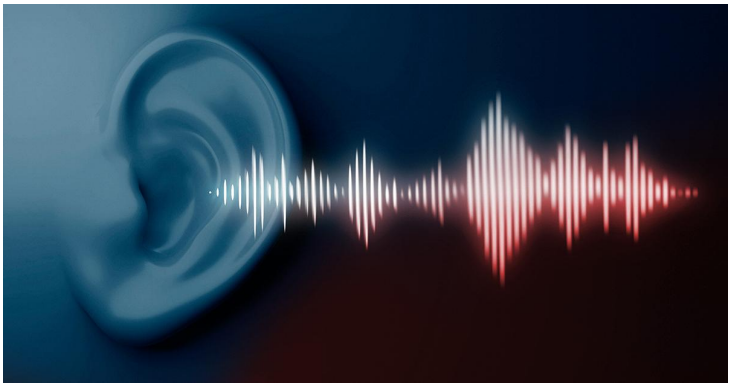
This term in English, we will be reading *Beowulf* followed by *Freedom for Bron*. These texts will give us insight into the life of an Anglo-Saxon child and the feud that led to one of history's most well-known battles.

We will focus on writing speeches, a newspaper report, and exploring the viewpoints of different characters. In doing so, we will work on a range of Year 4 grammar skills, including the use of complex sentences, various punctuation marks, and accurate verb tenses to strengthen our writing.

SCIENCE

In science this term we will be learning about **sound.** We will identify and describe sound sources, explore how sound travels and how pitch and volume can change in a variety of ways.

We will investigate how distance affects sound and we will end this half term with our very own musical instrument project.



HISTORY

Our topic this half term is *'How Was Britain Built?'* We will explore why the Anglo-Saxons invaded Britain and discuss their lasting influence on the country today. We will also examine different Anglo-Saxon villages to investigate what life was like for the people who lived there, including their daily routines and religious beliefs.

COMPUTING

This term, the children will revisit the topic of E-Safety. We will discuss how to stay safe and secure online, and how to identify potential risks when using the internet.Additionally, we will learn how networked devices form the internet, and how content is added to and accessed on the World Wide Web.

Religious Education (RE)

In RE, we will be learning about what it means to be a Hindu in Britain today. This will include exploring Hindu cultures, beliefs, their holy book, and the festivals they celebrate.

PSHE

In PSHE, our focus will be on relationships. We will cover topics such as working together, negotiating with others, solving friendship problems, developing assertiveness, and improving self-regulation skills.

ART

In Art, we will be focusing on drawing with pencil, chalk and charcoal to create 2D images. We will develop line, tone, pattern and texture to convey emotion. We will also use lighting, symbolism and real-life contexts.

Music

This term Year 4 will begin Ukulele lessons for 30 minutes each week on a Wednesday. These lessons will be provided by the Waltham Forest Music Service.

Philosophy for Children - P4C

This half term, we will explore questions posed by the children on a variety of contemporary issues. We will explore the themes of Christianity, Paganism and the preservation of cultural heritage.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This term in PE, the children will be learning to play football and participate in circuit training, focusing on improving their agility, fitness, and personal resilience. They will also work on developing coordination and teamwork skills.

Please ensure your child wears the correct PE kit to school on Thursday (Silver Birch) / Friday (Acer) and Tuesday (both classes), so they can make the most of their PE sessions.

KEY DATES

LKS2 - Meet the teachers
Wednesday 11th September 2024

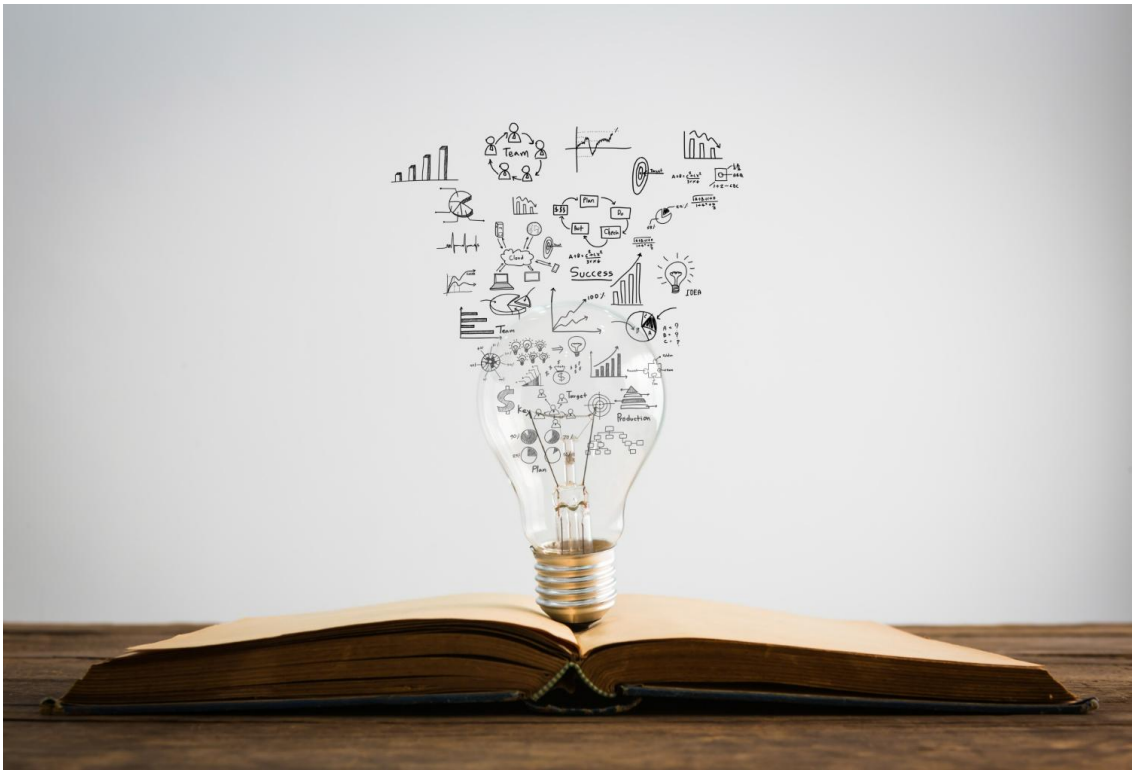
Class Assemblies Autumn term –
Acer Class – 15th November 2024 @ 9.15am

Family Maths –
Week beginning – 14th October 2024

Parent Consultations-
Week beginning 25th November 2024

Half Term
21st-- 25th October 2024

Autumn 2 term
28th October 2024



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