

# Beech – Term 1

## Celebration Newsletter

We have had a great start to the year, with the children really focusing on their learning! Our focus for this term in Topic has been the Anglo-Saxons! Our work on the Anglo-Saxons culminated in a fantastic immersion day, in which the children got to live a day like an Anglo-Saxon. We all had a great time! Thank you for your support with some of the homework tasks we have set; the children have really enjoyed exploring Purple Mash as part of their homework this term.

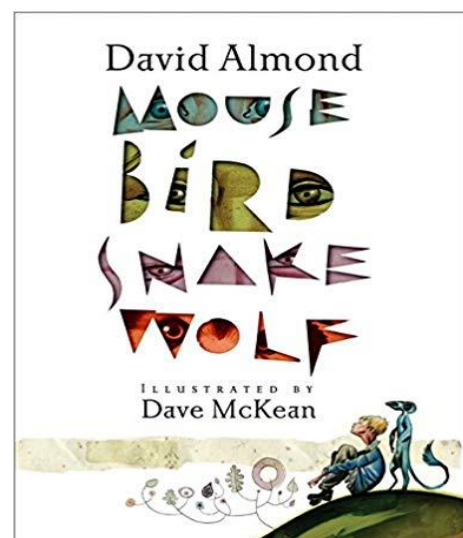


## Anglo-Saxons!



For Topic this term we focussed on the Anglo-Saxons, exploring key questions to do with why they ventured to Britain, how they lived and what they believed in. The children had a wonderful time replicating the life of Anglo-Saxons at the end of the term!

This year we have loved reading Mouse, Bird, Snake, Wolf! We have explored this book in detail in our English Literacy lessons. We enjoyed comparing our own world to that of the world in the story and also creating profiles of the various interesting characters in the book. We really focussed on the three main characters: Little Ben, Sue and Harry. We especially enjoyed predicting the gruesome demise that would meet Harry and Sue. With a range of different genres, we have really tested our imaginations so far and the children will have more opportunities for creativity next term.

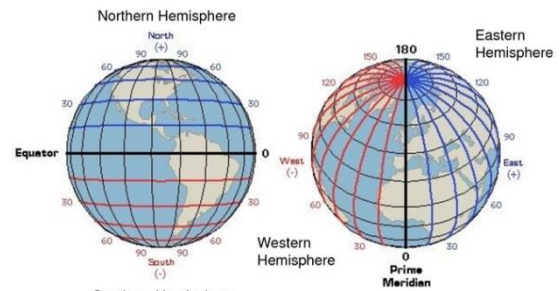


This term, we have enjoyed practical Science lessons, learning more about light, dark and experimenting with shadows. We conducted lots of experiments, recording results, exploring possibilities and testing in a fair manner to deepen our understanding of light, dark and shadows.

## Term 2 Preview...

In term 2 our topic will be focussing on longitude and latitude. We will be exploring the world following the longitudinal and latitudinal lines of the globe.

It will be interesting for the children to explore the world in a different, geographical way, making links between their own lives and those along the same lines.



Latitude & Longitude

## Our Science focus will be: Forces!

Force Vocabulary		
Push	pull	
twist	acceleration	friction
gravity	↑upthrust	momentum
spring	spin	magnetism
fulcrum	air resistance	velocity
aerodynamic		squeeze

## P.E.

Similar to this term, our focus in P.E. will be on Invasion Games.

This term we have looked extensively at Hockey.

We will continue to do P.E. twice a week, the days may change so P.E. kit will need to be in from the first day back!

I will regularly encourage the children to bring home their kit for washing!

Homework will continue to consist of weekly spellings and purple mash activities. We will also be doing times tables tests once each week in class. The children are aware which table they should be focussing on however it never hurts to keep all of the tables fresh in their mind.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask one of us!

Mr Kent & Mrs Saxton