

The Amazing Anglo-Saxons & Journey to South Africa

Year Five- Rundell Class

Autumn Term 2026



Key Areas of Learning

As **geographers**, we will learn about South Africa and develop our map skills and geographical vocabulary. We will discover South Africa's rich culture and history.

As **historians**, we will learn about the Anglo-Saxons, exploring and investigating a range of evidence to find out about their lives and learn why they invaded. We will research the importance of Sutton Hoo and debate their legacy comparing it to the Romans.

As **scientists**, we will identify and investigate the planets in our Solar System and we will also learn about the movement of the Earth, Moon and the other planets in the Solar System; further developing our understanding of Earth and Space.

English

As readers, we will develop our summarising, inference, prediction and retrieval skills through our study of the texts: *The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon*, *Beowulf* and *Journey to Jo'burg*.

As writers, we will create stories, letters, news reports and diary entries inspired by the English texts: *The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon*, *Beowulf* and *Journey to Jo'burg*. We will focus on using DADWAVERS to vary our sentence openers and vary how we structure our sentences.

Maths

As mathematicians, we will be comparing and ordering numbers up to 1,000,000. We will apply our place value understanding to add and subtract and solve problems that involve carrying and exchanging. We will develop our understanding of prime, square, cube numbers and factors. We will also solve a range of multiplication problems and we will divide numbers by 1, 100 and 1000. We will continue to build upon our understanding of fractions by finding equivalent fractions; adding and subtracting fractions as well as comparing and ordering fractions.

Computing

In Computing, we will develop our Microsoft Word skills.

We will also use PowerPoint to present an informative presentation about our topic that contains hyperlinks and videos.

PSHE

We are learning about the rights and responsibilities we have within school and as citizens of the world. We will also be learning how we can celebrate the differences within ourselves and with people from around the world.

PE

In Physical Education, we will be developing our teamwork and communication skills in Rugby and Tennis. We will develop jumping and rolling skills and techniques in Gymnastics lessons.

Art and DT

As creators, we will design maps inspired by the journey in *Beowulf*. We will also discover how calligraphy was used in Anglo Saxon texts and re-create letters in the same style. In DT, we will explore how pulleys and gears work by creating moving scenes.

RE

We are learning about how Hindus show commitment to God through prayer and worship. We will also delve deeper into the Christian Christmas Story thinking about if Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born?

Music

As musicians, we will learn about Gustav Holst's *The Planets* and consider how instruments change the mood of music.

French

In French, we will learn and use the two main French verbs 'avoir' and 'etre' to describe personalities of ourselves and our family.

Experiences

Visit to Buckingham Palace Friday 25th September

Whole School Events and Themes

Meet the teacher Meeting
Autumn term Parent Meetings 20/10 and 22/10
Clubs start: WB 21/09 for 10 sessions
Christmas Carols WB 7/12



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