

# Home Learning – Year 4

## Autumn 2 – Anglo Saxons

Choose one or more of the suggestions below. In class, we will share all our entries. All winning entries will be shared in our Home Learning Celebration.



### Arts

- Create your own Anglo-Saxon style brooch and jewellery. They used precious gemstones such as amber and amethysts and included intricate metalwork.
- Have a go at some weaving with some thread, fabric or cardboard. Create a cardboard loom to help you.
- Saxon children enjoyed playing with simple toys such as rag dolls and spinning tops. They also played with carved wooden toys as well as games with counters and dice. Have a go at creating your own Saxon game or toy!

### STEM

(Science Technology Engineering Mathematics)

The Anglo-Saxon Period was a time when

- Create an Anglo-Saxon style hut as a model or even have a go at creating a life size version in a wooded area. Anglo – Saxon houses were very basic; made from wood with a straw roof.
- Make a Saxon long rowing boat and see if you can make it float across water. These boats did not have sails.
- The Anglo Saxons are famous for their brightly patterned shields and metal helmets. They also used metal to create weapons such as spears and swords. Why not have a go at creating some of these items using cardboard at home?



### Music

- Create your own Saxon style drum and have a go at composing different rhythms with it.
- The Saxons liked to play tunes on pipes and reeds. Can you create your own set of pipes using straws or see if you can play a tune on a reed and record it?
- Have a go at creating your own Lyre using elastic bands and an empty tissue box

### Drama & Storytelling

- Many Saxons could not read or write so they would share stories and poems (sometimes accompanied by music on a lyre) to each other around a fire. Why not record your own story to tell or create your own story to tell in class!
- The Anglo-Saxons liked to tell each other riddles. For example: "I appear on the ground like a blanket and melt in the midday sun. What am I?" *Answer: Snow!* Have a go at creating some of your own riddles to share.

### Cooking

- Cook a Saxon feast; they ate roast meats with bread and fruit and shared stories, poems and songs with their family in feasting halls.