



Dear Families,

The best learning takes place when the context is meaningful and made real to the child's own life. We hope that by sharing our aims, you and your family will support your child's learning in any way you can.

If you have any skill, resources or knowledge that you can contribute and share with us at school, please see your child's class teacher.

Maths

This half term in Maths, we will start focusing on Place Value which will involve ordering, comparing and rounding numbers, while extending our knowledge to include negative numbers and Roman numerals. We will then extend out addition and subtraction strategies. Our times table focus will be 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 and corresponding division facts.

English

This term we will enjoy the moving tale of *Town by the Sea* by Joanna Schwartz. We will use this charming tale to write in the role of characters, draw comparisons and imitate the style of the author. We will also learn how to write and punctuate dialogue correctly. We will also examine emotive language as we write diary from the perspectives of different characters.

RE

This half term our theme is 'Belonging and Identity'.

We will be exploring different religions, what it means to belong to a religion and consider how belonging to a religious community effects daily life.

Year 4 Autumn 1 INVASION

PE

This half term we will be focussing on invasion games. We will be learning to dodge our opponents as well as tagging them.

Science

In Science, we will be focussing our learning on electricity by identifying common appliances which use electricity and by constructing simple circuits. Through our investigations, we will learn how to recognise which materials are electrical conductors and insulators.

History

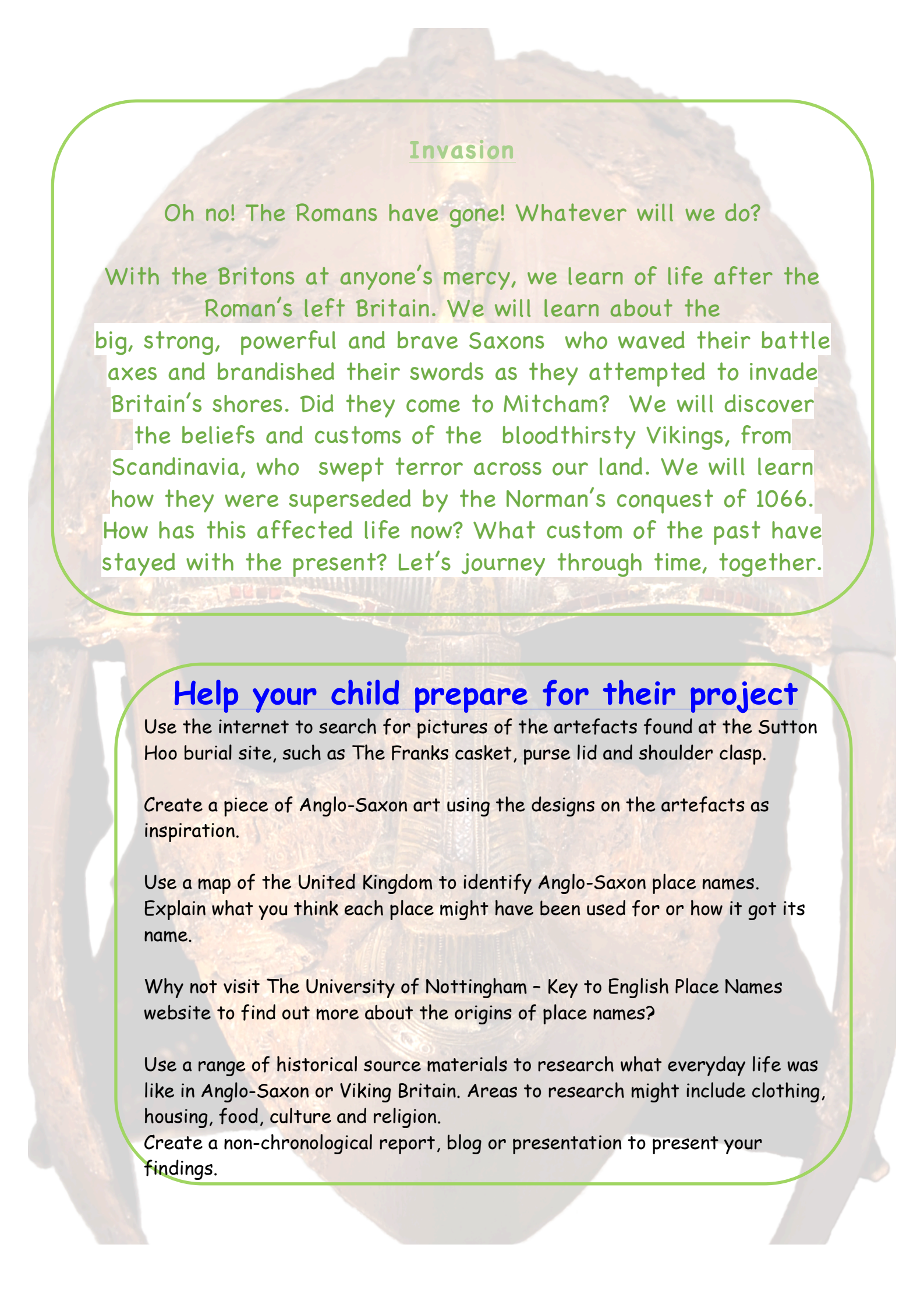
In History we will be focusing on our history skills. We will be using question to lead our enquiry of life after the Romans left Britain. We will learn about significant key events of the invaders of the past and the effect they had on British settlements through the ages.

PSCHE

This half term we will learn the importance of a balanced lifestyle and recognise how our choices can affect us positively and negatively.

Art

We will be learning about the importance of colour in Art, as we investigate warm, cool and tertiary colours. We will compare and contrast artworks from the past and use this to inspire our own colourful compositions. Hope you can come to our online gallery!



Invasion

Oh no! The Romans have gone! Whatever will we do?

With the Britons at anyone's mercy, we learn of life after the Roman's left Britain. We will learn about the big, strong, powerful and brave Saxons who waved their battle axes and brandished their swords as they attempted to invade Britain's shores. Did they come to Mitcham? We will discover the beliefs and customs of the bloodthirsty Vikings, from Scandinavia, who swept terror across our land. We will learn how they were superseded by the Norman's conquest of 1066. How has this affected life now? What custom of the past have stayed with the present? Let's journey through time, together.

Help your child prepare for their project

Use the internet to search for pictures of the artefacts found at the Sutton Hoo burial site, such as The Franks casket, purse lid and shoulder clasp.

Create a piece of Anglo-Saxon art using the designs on the artefacts as inspiration.

Use a map of the United Kingdom to identify Anglo-Saxon place names. Explain what you think each place might have been used for or how it got its name.

Why not visit The University of Nottingham - Key to English Place Names website to find out more about the origins of place names?

Use a range of historical source materials to research what everyday life was like in Anglo-Saxon or Viking Britain. Areas to research might include clothing, housing, food, culture and religion.

Create a non-chronological report, blog or presentation to present your findings.