

Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR 4 | Summer Term 1 | 2024



Dear Families,
Thank you for your continued support. This half term, we have really enjoyed learning about The Rainforest in Geography and Habitats in Science. Here is an outline of the curriculum coverage for the first half of Summer 1. We will continue to use Seesaw as our online learning platform and will continue to keep it updated with any new information. Have a good and rested break and we look forward to another learning-packed half-term!

This half term, our topic is 'Vicious Vikings' and we will be focusing our learning on the key question: *How successful were the Viking raids?*

Our 'Stunning Start' to launch our topic will be:

The children will have a Viking Day hosted by Portals to the Past – they will have the opportunity to handle artefacts and complete various activities.

We will enhance children's learning and 'Cultural Capital' with the following virtual experiences, websites and texts:

Now Press Play – Viking Experience
Portals to the Past

Our 'Showcase' piece of work at the end of the topic will be:

Creation of Viking Longships

Our 'Shared Outcome' to be shared with parents will be:

Videos posted to Seesaw of Longships



Here is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this topic:

English:

Key text:

- Viking Boy by Tony Bradman

Key skills:

- Alternative perspective: direct speech, prepositions
- Discussion text: Opinions vs facts, layout of a discussion,
- Grammar, punctuation, spelling
- Comprehension

Maths:

Key topics:

Decimals (order, compare, make whole)

Money

Time

Science: In science we will be looking at states of matter and the Water Cycle.

Computing: The children will be learning about Data and creating Online Questionnaire

History: This half term we will learn about The Vikings and how they came to England and their invasion.

RE: This half term we will be learning about Islam through the question: What role do places of worship have in communities?

ART: Children will be learning about Expressionism and creating collage art pieces.

PE: We will continue to use Complete PE to develop fundamental skills and introduce a new orienteering scheme of work.

Music: Year 4 will further develop their ukulele skills using strumming and plucking techniques and will learn to play the C-Major chord. They will continue to develop their rhythm and singing skills and learn how to strum and sing at the same time. Their listening focus will be various ukulele music including the British Ukulele Orchestra, as well as some Hawaiian Ukulele stars.

French: The children will continue to develop their French vocabulary by practising and applying their language knowledge in practical situations.

PSHE: This half term our focus will be on, 'Relationships'.

Reminders:

There are a few bank holiday dates to be aware of.

6th May: May Day Bank Holiday

29th April – 10th May: Amazon Swimming

Useful websites and texts to support learning in this topic:

- You could read, 'Arrowhead' by Ruth Eastham with your child.
- You could visit the BBC bitesize website - Go online and check out: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztyr9j6>
- Research: What was it like in Viking life?

