



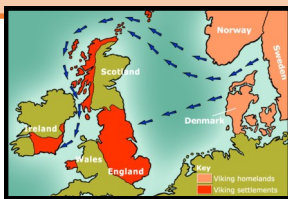
Year 4: Autumn Term

Our Learning Journey



This term, Year 4 will explore the fascinating world of the Vikings, learning when, why and how they came to Britain, including their raids and settlements.

The children will be encouraged to think like historians, examining artefacts, sources and evidence from the past to ask questions, draw conclusions and form their own opinions. We will investigate the famous Sutton Hoo burial, explore Viking beliefs and ways of life, and consider what the evidence can tell us about Viking society. Throughout the topic, we will use a range of evidence to investigate the question: *"Were the Vikings really as vicious as people think?"*

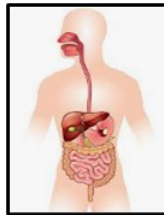


Our knowledge of the Vikings will be deepened by our class novel in Reading lessons. 'She Wolf' by Dan King is a Viking adventure story set in the cold harsh winter of Northumbria, AD 866. The main character, Ylva, witnesses her mother's tragic death, which instigates her hunger for revenge – after all, that is the Viking way.

Our English lessons will begin with character descriptions, using our knowledge of the Vikings from stories and history lessons to bring Viking characters to life. We will then create a factfile about Michelle Obama as part of our Black History Month learning, alongside some harvest-themed poetry. After half term, we will return to narrative writing, getting creative as we continue and develop a modern story based on the picture book 'A River'.

Once our Viking questions have all been answered, we will next begin to look at our geography topic of Rivers. The children will explore all of the wonders and features of rivers starting from the source of the river all the way to its mouth!

This topic will enable the children to develop their ever-growing knowledge of our wonderful world and develop understanding of natural features. The children will explore their understanding of human impacts on the world's beautiful rivers and how they can be positive but also disastrous.



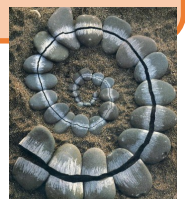
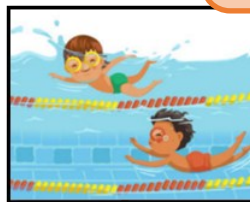
In science lessons, we will further build our understanding about how our bodies work. Let's begin with consideration of how sound is made, how it travels and how our ears receive it. *What sounds can we make and how will these look as sound waves when altering the pitch or volume?* Join us as we investigate!

In the second half of the autumn term, prepare to get a little messy as we continue to learn more about the darkest depths of our bodies - with a focus on the digestive system. *Which parts of the body are involved in the digestion process? What exactly happens at each stage of the digestion process? And how have the bodies of humans and animals adapted to their diet?*



We will begin our mathematical journey by looking at place value, before moving to addition/subtraction and finishing the term with measurement. Alongside our daily Maths lessons, we will be practicing our times tables (LOTS) in preparation for the Year 4 multiplication check later in the academic year - plenty of practice at home will be needed too! Let's see who can achieve the 'Rock Hero' status before the end of Year 4!

RE lessons will draw upon our termly school values of RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY by exploring further what it means to belong to a community. *In what ways are religious communities (faiths) similar to everyday communities e.g. belonging to a football?*



Art this term will consist of the children developing their sculpting skills. The children will develop their observational drawing techniques to plan and make their very own clay Viking shield. We will explore the work of Andy Goldsworthy and his natural art and take inspiration from his work to create our own sculptures.

Indoor PE with Miss Marriott's class will consist of developing multiskills; including travelling, passing, and handling, whilst Mrs Savage's class will be swimming on Tuesday mornings to gain, or further develop, this fundamental life skill!

For outdoor PE both classes will be working on their sending and receiving skills.

Mr Kirkland will visit our classroom each week as we learn to play the ukulele!!! Our pitch, rhythm and compositional skills will also be developed.

Our computing lessons for this term will begin by looking into computing systems and networks. We will then get creative by producing our own audio media recordings - also known as podcasts!