

Traders and Raiders

Year 4's Curriculum Newsletter



Who's that waving axes and brandishing swords? It's the Saxons invading Britain's shores!

During this half term, we'll start by making sturdy boats to sail the ocean's fearsome waves. We'll write reports as an onlooker who witnessed the Saxons' landing, and we'll find out about key dates. Using online maps, we'll plot the location of Roman shore forts and draw our own sketch maps. We'll make models of Saxon weaponry, homes and jewellery and carefully carve runes using clay tools. When we learn about the Legend of King Arthur, we'll retell the story, and write character portraits about Alfred the Great. Using maps, we'll identify the places where the invaders came from and locate Viking invasion sites. We'll research Viking beliefs and take part in a scrumptious Viking feast.

At the end of the project, we'll reflect on what it would have been like to be a child during these troubled times.

ILP focus	History
English	Non Chronological report, character profiles, myths and legends, historical narrative
Science	Sound
History	Anglo-Saxons and Vikings
Art & design	Patterns and print making, sketchbooks
Computing	Animation, digital images
D&T	Jewellery and weapon making, models of Anglo-Saxon homes, clay rune stones
Geography	Using maps, settlements, Europe
Music	Singing and composing lyrics. Maintain a simple part within an ensemble
PE	Competitive games, attack and defence skills
French	Tell me a story
RE	Being modest and listening to others. Cultivating inclusion identity and belonging Festivals: Chinese New Year, Nirvana
RRSA	Article 17: access to information from the media

Help your child prepare for their project

Watch out – the Saxons and Vikings are invading! Why not visit your local library together to see if there have been any Saxon or Viking invasions in your area? You could also find out more by visiting your local museum to explore Saxon and Viking connections further. Alternatively, read books and watch films together to gain an insight into this period, such as *How to Train Your Dragon*.

Year 4 notices:

- Please make sure that children are in school, on time, so that they can complete morning activities and get ready for the school day. Lessons start at 8.45am.
- Please send your child in their **PE kit on PE days**. This includes black jogging bottoms or leggings, a red crew neck t-shirt, their school red jumper and black trainers or pumps. Children can change into pumps if needed.
- Children can have a **fruit snack** at playtime. Please remember to bring fruit in.
- Children have been accessing 'Times Table Rockstars' regularly- please continue to do this to support the Year 4 times tables test in the Summer.
- Make sure your child is accessing bugclub regularly to support their reading.
- Please make sure your child is accessing Google Classrooms every week to complete their homework.

Thank you for your support

