

## TERM 1 and 2 - 2025-2026

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### Topic for the Term: Invasion

In the Invasion Project, the class will explore the impact of the Roman withdrawal from Britain and the subsequent waves of invasions. Students will study the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings in detail, focusing on their reasons for invading, their settlements, and daily life. They will examine how the Anglo-Saxons established kingdoms, practiced religion, and contributed to British culture. Additionally, they will explore the role of monasteries in preserving knowledge and the lasting Anglo-Saxon legacy.



The children will also investigate the Sutton Hoo ship burial, uncovering insights into Anglo-Saxon society through this key archaeological find. The project will include a study of Athelstan, an influential Anglo-Saxon king, and the events that followed his death, highlighting the fragmentation of the kingdom.

Finally, the class will learn about the Norman invasion of 1066, focusing on the Battle of Hastings and how it transformed England's political and social landscape. Through this project, students will gain a deeper understanding of early medieval Britain, using historical and archaeological evidence to piece together life during this turbulent period.

### Science

In Term 1, we will explore the digestive system, following a morsel of food as it travels through the mouth, stomach, and intestines. Students will learn how food is broken down, absorbed, and turned into nutrients, while discovering the roles of enzymes, acids, and key organs like the liver and pancreas.



In Term 2, we will focus on sound. Students will learn how sound is made through vibrations and how these vibrations travel through different materials to reach our ears. They will explore pitch, volume, and frequency, and conduct experiments to understand how sound waves move and can be altered.

### Theme Days / Trips

The class will take part in an immersive workshop, dressing up as Vikings and learning all about how the Vikings navigated their way around the world, where they went and why.

### Class Text

Our class text will be 'The Saga of Erik the Viking' by Terry Jones. Children are invited to bring in their own copy if they wish to.

### Homework

- ◆ Please read with your child at least 5 times a week.
- ◆ Learn the weekly spellings, the focus of which will be the Year 4 common exception words and Year 4 spelling rules.
- ◆ Practise times-tables up to 12x12. Children are expected to know their times-tables by the end of Year 4.
- ◆ We will conduct a weekly spelling and times-tables test which will take place on Friday of each week unless specified otherwise.
- ◆ Complete the **ASPIRE** homework sheet. This is one piece of homework per week as laid out on your child's homework timetable.

### Uniform / PE Kit

Our P.E. lesson will be on a Wednesday. Swimming will take place on a Tuesday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their P.E. kit on these days. On Tuesdays, please ensure that your child wears their swimming costume underneath their PE kit when they come to school.