African Elephants' Curriculum Information

TERM 1 and 2 - 2026/2027

Year 4: Mrs Meikle and Miss Renjish

Topic for Term 1 and 2: Invasion



In our Invasion project, children will explore what happened after the Romans left Britain. They will learn about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, discovering why they invaded, where they settled and what life was like during this period. Pupils will investigate Anglo-Saxon kingdoms, Viking raids and important events leading to the Norman Conquest in 1066. They will also study the famous Sutton Hoo ship burial and learn how historians use archaeological evidence to uncover the past. Children will compare Anglo-Saxon and Viking life, identifying similarities and differences between the two societies. They will also develop their understanding of chronology by placing key events and figures on a timeline of British history. Through this topic, pupils will gain a deeper understanding of how these invasions helped shape the Britain we know today.

Science



Term 1 – Digestive System

Children will learn about the human digestive system, exploring how food is broken down and how nutrients are absorbed by the body. They will also investigate food chains and how energy is transferred between living things. Through practical investigations and models, pupils will develop their scientific enquiry skills and understanding of how living organisms depend on one another.

Term 2 – Sound

Pupils will investigate how sounds are made, how vibrations travel and how pitch and volume can be changed through practical investigations. They will carry out experiments, make predictions and record results to develop their understanding of how sound behaves in different situations.

Theme Day

Children will take part in an exciting Viking Experience Day, dressing as Vikings and learning about Viking life, exploration and navigation through hands-on activities.

Class Text

Our class novel this term is *The Saga of Erik the Viking* by Terry Jones, which will support our history learning and inspire our reading and writing.

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 Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their P.E. kit on these days.

Library

Our school library slot is scheduled for Friday afternoons.