



Year 3 and 4: Traders and Raiders!

Summer 1st half term

English

In this topic, the children will be listening to an Anglo Saxon tale called 'The Dragon of Spindlestone Heugh'. They will be retelling the story using a variety of skills and then writing their own version, using descriptive language, speech and complex sentences. Later on in the term, the children will be writing information texts about Anglo Saxon life, building on their learning of non-chronological report writing last term. They will be including features such as formal language, technical vocabulary and paragraphs.

Maths

This half term in Year 3 we will be looking at adding and subtracting fractions, money and time. In year 4 we will be looking at partitioning and ordering decimals, money and time.

Topic and Hook Day

Big, strong, powerful and brave, the Saxons wave their battle axes and brandish their swords as they begin to invade Britain's shores...

This term, the children will be learning all about the lives of the Anglo Saxons, including how they lived and where they came from. They will explore an Anglo Saxon village, learning about where the Saxons chose to settle and why. They will also understand the roles of Anglo Saxon people and their beliefs. On **Tuesday 16th April the children will be visiting Bucks Museum** to explore the Anglo Saxons and who they were! Taking part in workshops and activities - **Please ensure you send your child to school in school uniform with a packed lunch and non-fizzy drinks to take with them for the day.**

Science

In science this term, the children will be learning about the functions of the skeleton and will be naming bones in the body. They will understand how bones and muscles work together to help humans move.

Recommended reading list

RE and PSHE

RE - During this half term we will be exploring whether people need to go to church to show they are Christian. We will be looking at how we feel in a special place of worship and look at different events we can celebrate in a church.

PSHE - In PSHE, we will be looking at relationships and families. Who we have relationships within families and friendships and what their roles and responsibilities are.

Other subjects

PE - In PE, we will be continuing to improve our performances across a range of running, throwing and jumping disciplines in our outdoor athletics sessions. We will then move onto rounders where we will learn to develop our skills with overarm and underarm throws, striking a ball and catching and retrieving moving balls. Finally, our learning will culminate in competitive games where we will learn to implement the rules of rounders.

French - In French this term Year 3 will be looking at numbers and pricing of clothing, writing them down and understanding them. They will also be learning about months of the year! Year 4 will be learning about items of clothing, pronouncing them and describing what they are wearing with adjectives.

Music - In music we will be exploring pitch, tempo and melody. Looking at different ways to change music with all three of these. We will be changing melodies and even creating our own call and responses with chime bars. Notation is also very important in music, the children will be using their skills from their violin lessons to understand the stave and create their own melody.

Title	Author
The Saga of Erik the Viking	Terry Jones
Vicious Vikings (Horrible Histories)	Terry Deary
Viking Raiders (Usborne Time Traveller)	Anne Civardi, James Graham-Campbell and Heather Amery
Vikings (100 Facts)	Fiona MacDonald and Rupert Matthews
The Time-Travelling Cat and the Viking Terror	Julia Jarman
The Last Viking	Terry Deary
How to Train Your Dragon	Cressida Cowell
Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator	Roald Dahl
There's a Viking in My Bed and Other Stories (Laugh Your Socks Off With)	Jeremy Strong
Anglo-Saxons and Vikings (Usborne History of Britain)	Hazel Maskell and Abigail Wheatley
NGK Everything Vikings	National Geographic Kids
The Vikings in Britain (Tracking Down)	Maira Butterfield
The Anglo-Saxons in Britain (Tracking Down)	Maira Butterfield
Anglo-Saxons (The History Detective Investigates)	Neil Tonge