



# Curriculum Overview Year 4 Autumn 1 2023

## The Vikings and Anglo Saxons

### English

In English we will be reading: *Beowulf* by Michael Morpurgo.

During lessons we will:

- Write a setting description
- Write a character description
- Plan and retell part of a story in their own words
- Write a letter
- Write a diary entry
- Compare and contrast characters
- Summarise key events in a story
- Write their own adventure story

We will also be completing weekly comprehension lessons to enable children to develop their understanding of a text. Grammar lessons will also take place to support the children to improve the structure of their writing.

- 'What is the Trinity and why is it important for Christians?'

### Physical Education

Red Class will have PE on a Friday afternoon and Charlotte class will have PE on a Tuesday.

### Spanish

We will be focusing on 'Family members and numbers'. We will learn how to say key words and phrases in Spanish during this topic.

### Music

We use Charanga and will be looking at the unit 'Mamma Mia'. We will also be learning songs from the Voices Foundation Music scheme.

### Science, History, Geography, Art, D&T and Computing

We are starting our new topic of **Electricity** in **Science**, where we will identify conductors and insulators, identify and name the main parts of an electrical circuit, investigate which materials allow electricity to flow through them, describe electricity is transported, as well as identifying how humans live with electricity within everyday life.

During our **Topic lessons**, we will learn about **The Vikings and Anglo Saxons**. We will teach about how the Vikings invaded, Viking and Anglo Saxon life, Anglo Saxon kings, different types of law and justice systems, types of weapons and Danegeld.

During our **DT and Art lessons**, we will design, make and evaluate Anglo Saxon or Viking shields and we will test these out in battle.

In our **Computing lessons**, we will be learning how computer systems and networks work when using the Internet.

### Mathematics

In Maths, we will be developing our understanding of:

- Number and place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Measurement - perimeter
- Multiplication and division

We will also be having weekly arithmetic lessons to further develop our number fluency.

### PSHE and RE

- Our PSHE topic is 'Being me in my world'.
- In RE, we will be looking at 'What is the Trinity and why is it important for Christians?'

### Homework

- **English/Maths:** The children have a targeted English and Maths work book in which they will complete tasks related to the week's learning. This will be set on a Monday.
- **Spellings:** Spellings will be given out on a Friday to be learnt and tested the following week.
- **Reading:** Children need to read daily at home and ensure their reading records are kept up to date.