



## Whos' that waving axes and brandishing swords? It's the Saxons invading Britain's shores.

The year is AD 410 and the once-mighty Roman Empire is crumbling. Sailing across the North Sea, ships land on the beaches of Britannia's eastern shores. They carry the Saxons, pirate raiders and strong soldiers, greedy for land and ready to attack the Britons. These Germanic warriors travel the seas in small sailing boats, striking coastal settlements and working their way inland.

### Maths:

The children will be learning how to tell the time accurately and solve time related word problems. Children will learn decimals and will learn about tenths and hundredths. They will learn how to count, order and record the decimals in different ways. They will begin to see equivalence between tenths and hundredths and will be able to compare and order the numbers. Pupils will learn how to count and record in pounds and pence. They will make links between tenths and hundredths and decimal notation for money. They will learn how to compare amounts of money by looking at significant digits and by converting amounts from pounds to pence and vice versa.

**Music:** Alongside regular extra singing assemblies we will look at music that evokes the ocean.

### Science:

We will be looking at how to work scientifically by carrying out experiments, recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables.

**Art & Design:** Children will use clay to create statues of Vikings and carving stories. They will make models of Viking ships and learn to sketch.

**History and geography:** The children will research Vikings beliefs about death and the afterlife. Compare the ways in which Vikings of different class and importance were buried, from magnificent Viking ship burials of the wealthy and important, to the underground chambers where poor peasants were buried. Produce a class set of questions and use research methods to find the answers. Use maps to identify the countries Viking raiders came from.

## Traders and Raiders

**English:** The children will learn to retell myths, legends and traditional tales from the Viking era. They will also write poems about Viking feasts. Children will write a character profile for Alfred the Great, they will use their initial ideas to list adjectives, similes and metaphors that effectively and powerfully describe King Alfred.

### Homework:

Homework will be linked to current topic and lessons taught. Children are expected to read every day. The reading diary must be signed or initialled by an adult, weekly.

### Physical development:

In our PE lessons we will be focussing on Athletics and ball games, as well as continuing swimming as part of the Year 4 curriculum.

### Religious Education:

We will be learning about Pentecost and discussing God's transforming power.

**Computing:** The children will be looking at basic coding using Purple Mash, while also continuing to present any research they do using IT.