

## Year 5/6 Curriculum Overview – Term 4 2025

**Theme title: How did the Viking invasion change Britain?**

### Launch pad event: Viking Workshop

<p><b>English</b> <i>Please ensure guided reading books are brought to school daily.</i></p> <p><i>Y6 will also receive weekly English homework.</i></p>	<p>Year 5 will be learning to write flashback stories which include suspense. They will also be learning about narrative poetry, looking at the story of Beowulf. There will be a continued emphasis on improving vocabulary choices, connectives, sentence openers and punctuation (VCOP.) In Guided Reading Year 5 will be reading from a variety of genres with a particular focus on developing an understanding of authorial intent and viewpoint. They will also read the novel Viking boy as a whole class. Year 6 will be studying narrative with a focus on adventure stories or narrative poetry. During guided reading, Year 6 will be focussing on the comprehension of texts through longer class novels. We will continue to place an emphasis on improving vocabulary choices, spelling, grammar and punctuation. Children will still be expected to read for pleasure at home.</p>	
<p><b>Maths</b> <i>Maths homework is set every Thursday and should be returned to school every Tuesday.</i></p>	<p>In Maths we will continue to develop our application of mathematical skills, through problem solving. Year 6 will be learning a range of data handling strategies, looking at different types of measurements, learning how to calculate the mean as an average and developing our understanding of shape and space. Year 5 will learn about shape and measurements, as well as fractions, decimals and percentages. We will continue to focus on improving our mental maths abilities including rapid recall of known number facts and tables.</p>	
<p><b>Science</b></p>	<p>This term we will be learning about and investigating forces. We will learn what different forces exist, how to measure forces and how to represent forces in a diagram. In addition, we will be investigating how forces are involved in the operation of levers, pulleys and gears.</p>	<p>Our cross-curricular Science will involve taking measurements and drawing graphs to record results. We will be repeating measurements to check for anomalous data and calculating the mean result.</p>
<p><b>History</b></p>	<p>In History we will be learning about the Viking invasion, why the Vikings came to Britain and what life was like during Viking times. We will also consider the legacy that the Vikings have left behind and its impact on Britain today.</p>	<p>Our cross curricular work will include recount writing as well as looking at Viking sagas and composing our own Viking songs.</p>
<p><b>Geography</b></p>	<p>We will learn more about the Scandinavian countries that the Vikings came from, considering why they chose to settle in specific areas and what successful settlements need.</p>	<p>Our cross-curricular work will include drawing maps, diagrams and plans as well as letter writing.</p>
<p><b>Computing</b></p>	<p>We will be developing our publishing skills and using multimedia to create a mock-up of a web page. We will use or research skills to find information and consider the audience for our website when designing the content. We will also be using word processing skills to retell a traditional Viking saga.</p>	
<p><b>Art</b></p>	<p>Our focus for art this term will be firstly observational drawings of people focussing on movement followed by developing our skills working with clay to produce a replica of a Viking weapon.</p>	
<p><b>P.E</b> <i>.Children will need to wear PE kits to school on their PE day.</i></p>	<p>In outdoor P.E. we will be learning to play netball, developing tactical skills of attacking and defending. Our focus in indoor PE will be gymnastics, learning about balances, spins, turns and rolls.</p>	
<p><b>Music</b></p>	<p>In music children will be using the elements of music along with Viking-inspired music to write and perform their own compositions.</p>	
<p><b>R.E</b></p>	<p>Our RE focus will cover both this term and next; focussing on the lives of Muslims living in Britain. We will learn about the five pillars of Islam and the importance of these to Muslim believers.</p>	
<p><b>P.S.H.E</b></p>	<p>This term the focus will be on 'Relationships and Sex Education'. A letter has been sent home to explain this in more detail and there will be an opportunity for parents to discuss any questions they may have. Year 5 and Year 6 will be taught separately and will be split into boy and girl groups for some sessions.</p>	

### Ways in which you could support next term's curriculum at home:

Books you could read	Places you could visit together	Other activities
Asterix and Obelix	The Viking Ship Hugin in Ramsgate The Jorvik Viking Centre (if you are heading that way over the holidays!)	Watch How To Train Your Dragon