

Curriculum Information  
Term 6  
Year 4 - Squirrels and Otters

### English

We will be reading The Saga of Erik the Viking.  
We will also use the myth of Beowulf.

In our writing we will be learning to:

- Write an eye witness report about the Invasion of Lindisfarne
- Write a myth inspired by Beowulf
- Write a recount about how Alfred defeated the Vikings



### Traders and Raiders

Big and strong, powerful and brave, the Saxons wave their battle axes and brandish their swords as they begin to invade Britain's shores. We will sail back to the Dark Ages, where battles were rife and fear reigned. We will find out about the lives of the Saxons, including how they lived and where they came from. Meet the bloodthirsty Vikings from Scandinavia – never before had such terror swept the land. Learn about Saxon weaponry and Viking finery. Choose to be a Saxon or Viking and trade your crafty goods, but let's keep it cool. We don't want a fight breaking out. Are you ready to shine a light on the dangerous and deadly Dark Ages?

### Maths

In maths, we will be learning about fractions. We will recognise and find halves, quarters and thirds. We will be learning about unit fractions, how to find equivalent fractions and how to count in fractions.

### Spelling

We will be practising our statutory words for Year 3 & 4, and revise our spelling rules on prefixes and suffixes.

### History

We will be learning about British history from AD 410 until to 1066. This will include the Saxons, the Vikings and The Battle of Ashdown. We will be putting events in chronological order on timelines; learning about significant figures including St Bede and Alfred the Great. We will be asking historical questions and presenting information in a historical report.

### Geography

We will be using maps and atlases to learn about geographical features of importance to the Saxons and Vikings: hills, rivers and coasts. We will draw sketch maps; use compasses to locate the eight directions, and locate villages and towns that the Saxons settled in.

### DT

We will be focusing on designing and making prototypes of Anglo-Saxon homes looking at how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce them. We will be choosing from a range of different materials selecting for specific properties to make Saxon or Viking artefacts.

### Music

We will be composing our own verses to playground songs and games. We will be singing using "Do, re, mi, soh, la" pitches and hand signs, and reading and composing using simple solfa notation. We will be listening to playground songs from a variety of cultures.

### Art

In art we will be exploring pattern and line, inspired by the Vikings to create a printed picture.

### P.E.

In PE this term we will be practising and preparing for Sports Day. We will develop an effective running technique, as well as learning about good sportsmanship, accepting and celebrating winners and respecting rules.

### PSHE

In PSHE we will be learning about sex and relationships using the Christopher Winter Project. We will learn about the human lifecycle and reproduction from babies to adults, focusing on how bodies and emotions change at puberty.

**Science** we will be investigating sound and identifying how sounds are made. We will learn about the role of sound vibrations and the mediums that sound can travel through.