

Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR 4 | Summer Term 1 | 2026



Dear Families,

Thank you for your continued support so far this year. Here is an outline of the curriculum coverage for the first half of Summer 1. We will continue to use Seesaw as our online learning platform and will continue to keep it updated with any new information. Have a good and rested break and we look forward to another learning-packed half-term!

This half term, our History topic is 'Vicious Vikings' and we will be focusing our learning on the key question: *How successful were the Viking raids?*

Our 'Stunning Start' to launch our topic will be:

The children will have a Viking Day hosted by Portals to the Past – they will have the opportunity to dress up as a Viking, handle artefacts and complete various activities.

We will enhance children's learning and 'Cultural Capital' with the following virtual experiences, websites and texts:

Workshop – Viking Experience
Portals to the Past

Visit to the Central Mosque in Regent's Park as part of our RE curriculum.

Our 'Showcase' piece of work at the end of the topic will be:

Creation of Viking Longships

Our 'Shared Outcome' to be shared with parents will be:

Videos posted to Seesaw of the Viking Longships



Here is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this topic:

English:

Key text:

- *Viking Boy* by Tony Bradman

Key skills:

- Alternative perspective: direct speech, prepositions
- Balanced argument
- Poetry: Haiku
- Grammar, punctuation, spelling
- Comprehension

Maths:

Key topics:

Money
Time
Shape

Science:

In science we will be looking at Electricity.

Computing:

The children will be learning about Data and creating an Online Questionnaire

History:

This half term we will learn about The Vikings, how they came to England and their invasion.

RE:

This half term we will be learning about Islam through the question: What role do places of worship have in communities?

DT:

Children will design a unique, powerful and effective nightlight for younger children.

PE:

We will continue to use Complete PE to develop fundamental skills and focus on basketball.

Music:

Year 4 will further develop their ukulele skills using strumming and plucking techniques and will learn to play the C-Major chord.

Spanish:

The children will continue to develop their Spanish vocabulary by learning the names of vegetables.

PSHE:

This half term our focus will be on our value 'Enjoy Learning'.

Useful websites and texts to support learning in this topic:

- You could read, 'Arrowhead' by Ruth Eastham with your child.
- You could visit the BBC bitesize website - Go online and check out:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztyr9j6>
- Research: What life was like in Viking time?

Reminders:

Monday 4th May is a Bank Holiday.

Our first day back, Monday 13th April will be our big Spring Day, with a visit from a farm, egg rolling and making a headdress.

