

**Reading:** In English we are reading How to Train a Dragon by Cressida Cowell

Each week there will be lessons on:

- \*Reading each chapter.
  - \*Find & retrieving answers from the text.
  - \*Thinking about characters, feelings, \*Thoughts and actions.
  - \*Vocab and meanings of words from each chapter.
  - \*Class Poem
- We will be using the CGP Traders and Raiders non-fiction reading information books alongside the comprehension booklet.

### **Cross Curricular Writing Opportunities**

- \*We will write reports as an onlooker who witnessed the Saxons' landing, and we'll find out about key dates.
- \*When we learn about the Legend of King Arthur, we will retell the story.
- \*Write character portraits about Alfred the Great. Poetry

## **Traders and Raiders**

Who's that waving axes and brandishing swords? It's the Saxons invading Britain's shores!



### **PSHE**

- Unit 5: Relationships.
- Unit 6: Changing Me

### **P4C**

- \*Are we too safe?
- \*Good Luck? Bad Luck?
- \*The Fairest Teacher Of Them All?

\*Traders & Raiders Project:  
At the end of the project, we'll reflect on what it would have been like to be a child during these troubled times.

### **Writing**

We will be writing recounts of different chapters, instructions fact-files and descriptions of characters.

### **SPAG**

Fronted adverbials

Apostrophes for plural possession,

Adjectival phrases

### **Maths:**

Decimals

Money

Time

Statistics

Properties of Shape

Position & Direction

## Science

**Animals Including Humans:** This unit focuses on the digestive system in humans and animals and the functions of teeth. Children will learn more about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores in the context of teeth, digestion and the food chain. In addition, they will extend their understanding of food chains to more complex chains and food webs.

**Scientists and Inventors:** This 'Scientists and Inventors' unit will teach your class about famous scientists and inventors linked to the Y4 science curriculum. They will learn about the dangers posed to living things in Madagascar, and Gerald Durrell's conservation efforts on the island. The children will learn about Alexander Graham Bell and his invention of the telephone. They will create and present an interactive poster about his life and work. They will find out about the discovery of oxygen, and carry out an experiment to investigate the effects of oxygen on burning objects. Furthermore, they will learn about Lord Kelvin, the man who determined the temperature of absolute zero. The children will explore the work of Thomas Edison, carrying out an electricity hunt around school. Finally, children will find out about the invention of toothpaste, and will invent their own brand of toothpaste to compare against real brands. They will develop their scientific enquiry skills, making observations, predictions and conclusions.

## Humanities Geography Geography

During this half term, we'll start by finding out about sturdy boats to sail the ocean's fearsome waves. We'll find out about key dates. Using online maps, we'll plot the location of Roman shore forts and draw our own sketch maps. Using maps, settlements, Europe

## Humanities History History

We'll learn about the everyday lives of the Saxons and Vikings. Using maps, we'll identify the places where the invaders came from and locate Viking invasion sites. We'll research Viking beliefs and take part in a scrumptious Viking feast. At the end of the project, we'll reflect on what it would have been like to be a child during these troubled times.

## Academy Values:

Kindness, Resilience, Respect, Independence, Honesty, Curiosity

## British Values

Individual Liberty, The Rule of Law, Mutual Respect & Tolerance

## R.E.

Christianity

Pilgrimages

The Bible

## Music

**Performing Skills:** Sing a variety of songs in tune with expression using Charanga music scheme.

## Art and Design

During this half term, we'll start by making sturdy boats to sail the ocean's fearsome waves. Jewellery and weapon making, models of Anglo-Saxon homes, clay rune stones Patterns and print making, sketchbooks.

## Design & Technology

During this half term, we will be investigating electrical components, experimenting with them to produce working circuits and circuit diagrams. We will researching torch designs, designing, making and evaluating our own torches.