



### History & Geography

The children will learn about the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor. They will look at where the timelines of Saxon and Viking history sit in relation to the wider chronological narrative of British history. They will also compare the individual timelines to allow them to see how they are linked together.

Through exploring different perspectives, the children will begin to learn how this helps to give a more balanced account of periods of history. They will also learn about significant individuals during this time and how their actions led to them being considered important.

### English

Our class texts are 'Holes' (Louis Sachar) and 'The Girl of Ink and Stars' (Kiran Millwood Hargreave). The children will develop skills for writing a biography and a discussion, as well as their skills in narrative writing. We will also study the poem 'Nobody Knows' by Rachel Rooney.

### Art

The children will be exploring portraits. They will develop their skills in painting, drawing and sketching. They will study artists interpretations of portraits and use these to inspire their own pieces. In their pieces they will mix and match colours to create atmosphere and light effect.

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### Maths

While developing their reasoning and problem-solving skills, the children will complete units on:  
Y5 and Y6 - Place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and Fractions  
Y6 -Converting units.

### PSHE

This term we will focus on relationships. This will include expressing opinions, respecting other points of view, managing pressure and learning about the importance of consent. They will also look at romantic relationships and attraction.

### RE

We will study, in depth, the story of 'The Good Samaritan' so the children can begin to understand the Christian idea of Agape (unconditional love). We will also look at the true meaning of Christmas.

### Music

The children will be studying a range of musical techniques which they will put together to create their own musical performance.

### French

This term, the children will learn vocabulary for school subjects and opinions and will learn how to describe their homes.

### Science

Initially, the children will be deepening their understanding of life cycles, reproduction and animal characteristics. They will be learning about asexual reproduction and metamorphosis. After half term, the children will learn to identify the kingdoms of life and how to classify living things within those kingdoms. They will be introduced to the Linnean system of classification and will develop their practical scientific skills through investigating mould growth on bread.

### Computing

The children will be learning how to use a database to order data and create charts to answer questions. They will also use a real-life database to answer a question and present their work to others. Later, the children will learn how to use physical computing to explore the concept of selection in programming. They will design and make a working model of a fairground carousel that will demonstrate their understanding of how the microcontroller and its components are connected.

### PE

The children will learn how to react in different game situations and review and evaluate their performance. They will learn how to change tactics to make activities more fun or challenging. They will build up their stamina in their fitness sessions. In gymnastics, the children will learn how to use the hand and the low apparatus, whilst maintaining control of their bodies.

### You can help your child by:

supporting them with reading for 20 minutes a day; checking Accelerated Reader Home Connect to follow your child's progress in reading; helping them to learn their weekly spellings; practising their times tables with them (encourage the use of Times Tables Rock Stars); supporting them with completing and uploading homework; checking ClassDojo regularly for key information; and, ensuring they have the correct equipment and PE kit.