

Year 5 Our World

Learning from the past and shaping the future The Vikings

Year 5 Summer 2026



Design and Technology

The children will use design and technology skills in Our World lessons when designing and making a Viking sword handle.

PE

The children will be looking at different fitness activities that will help them improve their individual balance, coordination, and cardiovascular health. The children will also participate in a variety of outdoor athletics events.

Art

The children will explore watercolour techniques including blotting and wax resist. After our Park Trust Visit, we will be creating a painting using the techniques we have learnt in the style of Claude Monet.

Science

The children will study life cycles of different animal species and comparing their similarities and differences – they will extend this by also investigating the life cycle and reproduction of plants. We will also investigate the properties of materials and states of matter, focussing on reversible and irreversible changes.

English

The children will continue their development as story tellers – learning to use more advance grammar and punctuation features to add depth, detail, and interest to their writing. The class text, Beowulf, will be studied as a direct link to our Anglo-Saxon/Viking topic. We will also be reading one of William Shakespeare’s classics ‘Romeo and Juliet’ to practise reading, writing and performing from a playscript.

History

The children will explore the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We will discover where the Vikings came from and how they invaded Britain. We will learn about important Kings during this period and how things such as Danegeld influenced modern society and our lives today. Children will also learn about the daily lives of Vikings during that time and aspects of the lives such as longhouses and longships.

Geography

The children will learn about parts of a river and will be able to name and locate rivers in counties and cities across the UK. They will also learn about the water cycle, the effect of damming rivers and flood management. The children will also investigate the effect of pollution on rivers and other sources of water.

Computing

Children will be involved with vector drawings and create their own pieces of digital art. They will use different tools in Google Drawings using shapes and lines.

Music

Children will be exploring music from 1920s animated films to present day movies. The children learn techniques for creating soundtracks and film scores, and they compose their own movie music.

RE

Please see the RE newsletter for ideas of how to help at home.