

In theme this term in year 4 , we will be investigating some of the great explorers from history and how they tamed the treacherous seas of the world. Our journey will begin with the Vikings raiding across the seas. We will then travel around the globe to the Pacific where we will venture around the Polynesian islands and discover how these great way finders crossed the mighty ocean. Our adventure will continue with a deep dive into Captain Cook and his famous voyages before ending with explorers of the frozen seas.

In English, we will focus on:

- Write a recount from the point of view of a Viking crossing the North Sea and raiding Lindisfarne.
- Create a Non-Chronological report on some of the Polynesian islands and their early settlers.
- Write a fictional account of one of Cook's famous voyages in a tale of seafaring adventure.
- We will leave the reader in suspense when writing about the perilous journey taken across the frozen seas by explorers, Scott and Amundsen.

As Musicians, we will continue to develop learning how to play a brass instruments with Mrs Owe in preparation for our end of year brass performance and 'The Big Blow'. We will also be performing some fantastic themed songs about voyaging across the seas.

In computing we will be selecting and using software to create maps that show the journey of the Vikings to Britain and the location of the most famous raids. We will also learn how to be respectful and responsible citizens.



In maths we will continue with our work on decimals before moving on to work with money and measures. After that we will look at time including telling the time and units of time. We will then study statistics through work on different graphs and tables and problem solving around them. Our final units of work are geometry and shape during which we will investigate symmetry and different representations of shapes.

Our study of R.E. will take us to beginning of the universe and the beliefs surrounding how our world came to be. We will explore different ideas behind creation. We will also find out what stewardship means, why people of all faiths and backgrounds care about our world and what we can do to help.

Our guided reading will take us through the exciting and interesting world of Stig and his chalk pit dump. We will improve our skills in inference while enhancing our vocabulary.

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In science we will be investigating the changes in states of matter which will link to our theme by exploring the difficulties faced by arctic explorers when encountering the different states of water.

We will also investigate the human body and animals with a focus on human digestion and teeth before moving onto the food chain including predators and prey.

As artists, to link with our theme, we will explore the work of William Hodges who famously sailed with Captain Cook on his second voyage. We will create mood and atmosphere with our artwork and discuss our intentions for our audience.

By the end of the term, we will have tested our athletic abilities in track and field events including our sports day. We will also learn how to work as a team and develop our throwing, catching and striking skills while taking part in rounders and cricket.

As part of our topic, we will be visiting the coast to discover what it might have been like for early raiders and explorers to travel across the sea. We will look at the difficulties faced by an invading army and how they overcame these.

We will finish the term with a showcase of all of our fantastic work to parents.

For our design and technology work we will explore different materials and evaluate their suitability for the design and making of a boat. We will link this to our theme by researching the designs of early Polynesian canoes which were simple and small but allowed them to travel great distances. As designers, we will consider the problems they faced in creating a craft worthy of crossing the sea.

In history and geography we will sail across the seas with Vikings on their raids of Britain and map out the routes and landing points of this highly successful venture. Our Journey will then take us to the tropics where we will sightsee with the Polynesians on their epic colonisation of this part of the world. Jumping forward in time, we will voyage with Cook around the world and consider the difficulties faced by explorers on long sea adventures. Our final stop will be with Scott and Amundsen where we will discuss how travelling across a frozen sea can be more dangerous than open waters.