Autumn 1 Curriculum Map 2026



YEAR 5
AUTUMN 1 – SWORDS AND SAGAS
(THE ANGLO-SAXONS AND VIKINGS)



This curriculum map provides an overview of what your child will be learning this half term. Wherever possible, learning will be linked to our focus topic, Swords and Sagas.

In **English,** we will be studying the traditional Anglo-Saxon tale, Beowulf. Our writing focus this half-term is description and we will describe characters and settings from Beowulf. We will also look at some of the language features used (e.g. fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases) and aim to use these in our writing. Each week we will develop our spelling, vocabulary, grammar and punctuation. Our reading skills will be taught through the book, Land of Roar, which we will read throughout the term.

In **history**, we will learn about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We will investigate where they came from and why they came to Britain. We will analyse evidence and compare and contrast life under the rule of different invaders.

In **science**, we will be exploring forces and their effects. Children will learn to explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth due to the force of gravity. They will also identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance, and friction between moving surfaces.

In **maths**, we will be learning and investigating numerous concepts including,

- Ordering and comparing numbers up to 1,000,000, paying particular attention to place value.
- Rounding.
- Addition and subtraction, becoming fluent in various methods and mastering vertical written methods.
- Understanding and using the terms: factor, multiple, prime, square and cube number.

In **art**, we will learn about printing techniques, developing and reflecting on our ideas.

In **French**, we will be learning some basic words and phrases to introduce the children to our modern foreign language.

In **music**, we will play basic rhythms on recorders and read notes on the treble clef stave.

In **PE**, we will explore and combine the use of hand apparatus with gymnastics movements and skills.

In **computing**, we will be learning about computer systems and networks.

In **RE**, we will be learning about the Hindu concept of Karma and writing prayers around the theme of.

In **life skills** our theme is relationships and we will also be learning how to manage our emotions in different situations.

If you have any questions regarding our curriculum, please speak to your child's class teacher