

Let The Battle Commence!

RATIONALE:

In the Autumn Term Year 5 will be learning about the Anglo-Saxon history that is central to British History and how the Vikings came and made their mark. Pupils will visit West Stowe, a living history experience, where they can actually walk in the footsteps of Anglo-Saxons and gain first-hand knowledge of what life was like in the times of Alfred the Great.

Building on the foundations of the Saxons, the pupils' studies will move into the Viking Era of war and invasion. Pupils will create Viking longships and learn what it was to be a Viking warrior and why Valhalla was the ultimate destination. By the end of the unit, all children will understand how we can still see the traces of the Saxons and Vikings all around us in today's society.

HOOK:

Year Five will travel back in time to West Stowe Anglo-Saxon Village to walk the path of the settlers and see how they lived.

Design and Technology

To start their work, the pupils will research, design and create Anglo-Saxon model villages to demonstrate the way a settlement looked.

Later in the unit the pupils will develop their model making skills further using a mesh frame to construct a Viking Long boat then use Mod Rock to create the boat.

Art

Pupils will build on sketching and pencil skills and create portraits of Viking Warriors and mythical creatures. .

English

Throughout the English units, the pupils' studies of Saxon and Viking life will directly impact and thread through to create rich learning opportunities. They will study the following units:

- Non-chronological report on Saxon life
- Narrative text investigation of Beowulf.
- Instructional writing linked to Art of Mod Rock Longboats.
- Biography on Alfred the Great
- Fantasy Narrative – How to Train a Dragon

History

- Anglo-Saxon settlements and the kingdoms
- Saxon life and the relevance of Beowulf.
- Viking invasion and the battle with Alfred the Great.
- Difference with Viking daily life
- Viking Gods and the importance of being a warrior in Viking life.

ICT

Pupils will be developing their own websites based on Anglo-Saxon and Viking life. Pupils will learn to use website design tools and collaboratively build a website.

Music

Pupils will listen to and interpret Anglo-Saxon and Viking music. They will then create their own interpretations and write war chants to be performed.

HOME LEARNING

Pupils will create a genuine Viking helmet and write a supporting explanation of the features of the helmet.

OUTCOME:

Viking Long Table gathering – Led by a Viking Elder to share the talents of the pupils.