

**Spring Term
2026
Year 5/6**

Invasions and changing landscapes

Our history curriculum this term focuses on the Norse, including the attacks, settlement and culture of these people of the North. We will learn about how the Vikings asserted control over nearly all of England and how their laws, culture, language, gods and placenames came to dominate our island.



As mathematicians we will:

- Continue to develop our understanding of calculating with fractions, including multiplying and dividing.
- Revisit calculating with decimal numbers using the four operations of adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing; solve calculations and problems both mentally and using efficient written methods.
- Develop a further understanding of working with percentages, linking these with fractions and decimals.
- Interpret, use and create algebraic expressions.
- Understand ratio while revisiting shape and angles.
- Consolidate learning to prepare Year 6 for SATs.

As readers and writers we will:

Develop our reading and writing skills through daily practise and by exploring high-quality texts that we may not choose ourselves. Our class texts will include "Varjak Paw" and "Blackberry Blue", amongst others.

Our writing will cover a range of purposes including:

- **Narrative Fiction:** creating atmosphere and tension through vocabulary and grammar choice; using colons and semi-colons to demarcate independent clauses.
- **Non-fiction:** writing and giving a speech about an issue we feel strongly about.

As scientists we will:

- Discover how materials can be grouped together based on similar properties.
- Observe how some substances are soluble in water and that, if they dissolve, they form a solution.
- Find out that in reversible changes the original substance can be recovered easily.
- Understand that in irreversible changes, the original substances cannot be recovered easily.

In PSHE we will:

Follow the Jigsaw scheme and will cover the topics:

- Dreams and Goals
- Healthy Me

Vocabulary: dream, hope, goal, realistic, motivation, choice

As geographers we will:

- Learn about migration and the effects on populations and places.
- Focus our understanding on the regions of North and South America.
- Develop our knowledge of how people change places and consider if it matters where we live.

As artists and designers we will:

- Learn how to use pen and colour.
- Explore how to create quality artwork that shows progression in skills.
- Have the opportunity to explore the work of 'The Seaside' artists Alfred Wallis and Hokusai.
- Develop our understanding of seasonal food choices and cooking.

In RE we will:

- Explore today's living Christian traditions.
- Learn about how today's Christians worship.
- Discover concepts in Christianity today including festivals, family and the symbols in Christian buildings.

As musicians we will be:

- Listening and Appraising
- Creating and exploring music
- Singing, Playing Instruments and Performing

In computing we will:

Develop our understanding of variables and how to use these in programming in Scratch.

In PE we will:

Develop our skills, footwork and gameplay through tag rugby. Explore performance, balance and co-ordination in sports.

Trips and Special Events:

We will put our science skills into practise with a visit to the National Aquarium in Plymouth. We welcome KS3 teachers from the Trust to introduce us to Year 7 teaching styles.