



Lydgate Junior School  
**Curriculum Overview**  
**Year 5 Spring term**



The themes for this term are...  
**Vikings and Scandinavia**

**English**

In our weekly SPaG sessions this term, we will be leaning to use hyphens, pronouns, relative clauses, apostrophes, inverted commas, prepositions, expanded noun phrases & synonyms/antonyms. This will link to our writing lessons, where we will be using stories, videos, drama & books to inspire the children to write with a clear purpose. Our main writing tasks will be a description, a narrative and a non-chronological report. Our book study texts will be Viking Boy, by Tony Bradman, & There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom, by Louis Sachar. You can help by reading with your children & encouraging them to do their weekly SPaG homework.



**Maths**

We will begin this term by learning to use written methods to multiply and divide numbers (up to 4 digits by 2 digits). We will then move on to a unit on fractions, decimals and percentages. This will include equivalence, ordering and comparing, adding, subtracting and multiplying. You can help at home by practising times tables and by encouraging the children to do their weekly maths homework.



**Science**

This term, our science sessions will focus on forces and space. There will be lots of 'hands on' learning, including planning and carrying out investigations about the effects of air and water resistance. The children will also be learning to record their investigations and conclusions, using scientific language. As part of the space topic, the children will experience the Wonderdome mobile planetarium's 360o show.



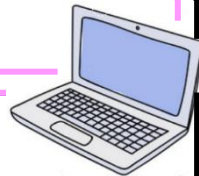
**History and Geography**

Our topics have a linked history and geography focus this term. We will begin by learning about the Vikings: invasions, everyday life, religious beliefs (comparing these with Egyptian beliefs) and Viking myths. After half term, we will learn about Scandinavia: locating Scandinavia on a map, key physical and human features, climate (comparing this with the climate in the UK) and everyday life. We will also be learning about The Great Sheffield Flood.



**Religious Education**

We will be focusing on importance of Christian forgiveness, reading The Selfish Giant by Oscar Wilde, leading to a creative response through poetry. Understanding of Forgiveness will be developed further by learning aspects of the Easter story and how Jesus sacrificed Himself for humankind.



**RRS**

The children in Y5 will be learning more about what it means to be a Rights Respecting School. We will also be researching ideas to plan and carry out a school campaign. Linked to our class work, some of the articles that we will be focusing on this term include:  
 Article 12 (have views considered seriously)  
 Article 13 (express thoughts and opinions)  
 Article 17 (reliable information from various sources)



**Art & Design Technology**

In art, we will be studying photographs of Viking longships, before creating a mood board where we will use a range of media to sketch, trace and paint sections of the photographs. We will then be creating a paper print of a longship. In DT, we will be looking at mechanisms and designing and making our own moving toys.



**Other Subjects**

Computing – coding (using Scratch); collaborating using Google Docs to create an interactive quiz.  
 PE – dance, basketball, gymnastics and tennis.  
 Music – African drumming and space composition  
 RHE – relationships (families and friends; mental well-being).  
 Outdoor learning sessions in the woods will be on alternate Wednesdays.

**Enrichment Activities**

York residential visit  
**Thursday 30th<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January**  
 The Wonderdome  
**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

