



# Peace and Conflict: Respect for all individuals

Through our Peace and Conflict theme, children will investigate some of the struggles people have faced (and are still facing), throughout history, including battles, invasions, human rights and significant adverse events. Children will learn about how people overcame these conflicts and the impact this has on us today - how can we learn from this event or the key people involved? In this unit, History will be the main driver in each year group, but there will be strong links with subjects such as Art, and Design and Technology and opportunities for children to revisit



## Year 4 - Vikings

Through this topic focus, children will learn about the coming of the Vikings to Britain and the legacy their arrival and settlement has left. They will make links with their knowledge of the Anglo-Saxons and understand how the two groups interacted.

The topic will be driven by their learning in **History**, where children will learn details of the Vikings coming to Britain, from Lindisfarne and the initial raids, to the settlement of Britain, interaction with the Anglo Saxons and Alfred the Great to the establishment of the Danelaw.

In **Art**, children will explore 3D sculpture in an exploration of Viking art and artefacts.

In **Science** children will be learning about their bodies: specifically, about the role of their skeleton and teeth, as well as the digestion system and what we need from different foods that we eat. They will go on to explore the importance of eating a healthy, balanced diet and taking care of our teeth.

In **English**, children will be learning about folk tales—particularly those of celebrated Danish author Hans Christian Anderson. They will also learn how to write persuasively and use these skills to argue in defence of the Vikings and in advocacy of looking after our teeth.

## Theme Impact

Children will have a deeper understanding of the history of Britain and how its culture, language and people have developed from a legacy of melding cultures and peoples. They will recognise that throughout history there have been conflicts between people with conflicting interests as well as people who sought peace in spite of this.

## Catholic Social Teaching

Children will come to appreciate the importance of showing understanding towards other people and reflect on what Jesus meant when he said “Blessed are the peacemakers”, with reference to King Alfred.

They will understand how Christianity spread the Good News throughout the world as the Vikings began to embrace Christianity. Peace can only happen when we learn to treat each other like brothers and sisters and recognise our shared vocation as children of God.

## Application

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## Enrichment

Museum of Birmingham Topic Boxes

## Wider Curriculum

*As well as studying The Vikings, children will continue to learn in other areas of the curriculum alongside their theme. These areas include...*

### RSE

Emotional Wellbeing

### PE

Gymnastics

### MFL - French

Les Instruments

### Music

Developing singing techniques

### Class Reader

