



ST. DUNSTAN'S

Year 4 Rationale

Spring 1st Half Term

What are origins?



Our overarching theme of origins will enable children to consider where we come from and explore how that connects to our lives today. The children will learn to use historical primary sources and have a first-hand experience of visiting a Viking site to answer their questions about the past. As they find out more details about the Viking invasion, they will understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources and investigate why the Vikings invaded Britain. During our visit to Chertsey Museum, the children will look at the lives of Vikings by studying real and replica artefacts. Our understanding of Viking people and their love of dramatic storytelling will be developed through studies of their myths and legends, including reading an abridged version of the famous Beowulf.

For Art Week, Year 4 will be creating unity art to show how we celebrate our differences and focus on what unites us. As our whole school theme is 'Art in the Community', we will be creating one final collaborative piece, which will be gifted to the North West Surrey Synagogue. This will help build connections between the children and the synagogue prior to their educational visit in the summer term.