

Year 5 Curriculum



It's All Greek to me!

We will be travelling back in time to find out what life was like for those living in Ancient Greece during the Golden Age of Greece during the 5th and 6th Century BC. We'll be honing our Historical enquiry skills to explore key moments in history from epic battles to the first Olympic Games; the Parthenon of Athens to the first Democratic government; gods and goddesses to the role of women in society – and so much more!



Club Mediterranean

As the days get colder and the nights draw in, we will be jetting off to the Mediterranean to find out what makes it such an attractive holiday destination for British people – bring on the sunshine!



All the World's a Stage

We will become History Detectives to research the life and times of William Shakespeare, visiting his birthplace (and resting place) in Stratford Upon Avon to bring history to life. We will also discover how important he was to the development of theatre in England during the 16th and 17th Century and consider his lasting impact on world theatre and literature today.



Climb Every Mountain

Have you ever wondered what it feels like to be on top of the world? Well, in this unit on Mountains, we are going to experience that, through the eyes of one of the most famous British mountaineers – Sir Edmund Hillary. We are also going to research the main mountain ranges in the world, discovering which the highest peaks are, where they are located and what a mountain climate is like. We will then focus on Mount Snowdon, learning to interpret OS maps to build our knowledge of the United Kingdom. Finally, we will discover how mountains are formed and how tourism affects mountain regions.



Illuminating the Dark Ages Part 1: Anglo-Saxons

We will once again be putting our history detective skills to good use in this topic. We begin by looking at the reasons for the Saxon invasion of Britain in AD 410, comparing it to the Roman invasion 400 years earlier. Then we will explore the evidence that we have for the Saxon way of life at different levels of society, with a focus on crime and punishment in Saxon times. We will also consider the significance of the coming of Christianity to Britain and how this has helped shape the country we have today, as well as considering key historical people of the time through looking at the reign of King Alfred. Finally, we will be reviewing the importance of this period in British History by considering how 'dark' the Dark Ages really were.



Illuminating the Dark Ages Part 2: Vikings

So, just how vicious were the Vikings? Well, that is what we are going to be discovering throughout this unit. We will be evaluating the historical evidence to find out how they have gained such a bad reputation; exploring why and how they came to the kingdom of England and how they fought to rip control from the grip of the Anglo-Saxons. We will also be looking for evidence of Viking life in England: where they settled, how they lived and what their legacy is in our country today.