



BIRKENHEAD  
HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY

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## Year 4 Curriculum Leaflet

### SPRING TERM - Journeys

Dear Parents and Carers,

After our exciting term of learning all about the circus in our 'Roll Up, Roll Up' topic, Year 4 are preparing to start our next project explore theme. Year 4's themed curriculum unit, '**Journeys**', will explore a range of journeys from Anglo-Saxons invading Great Britain to shepherds travelling in the Christmas story and Vikings invading many places including the Wirral. An exciting part of our topic will be exploring a refugee's journey as they are forced to flee their homeland to escape war stricken areas we will be thinking about how this would feel and stepping into their shoes for some fantastic writing opportunities.

#### How you can help your child learn at home:

- Visit your local library and explore books about a range of 'Journeys'
- Discuss what a refugee is and compare a refugee life to their own
- Research how Vikings and Anglo-Saxons have shaped the areas they live in - the Wirral.

#### Home Learning Project:

This term you will be asked to complete two projects. Your first project is to create an Anglo-Saxon House model. The following pictures can be used as inspiration!



Your second project is to create a Viking Longboat model, that looks like the following:



You can present your models in any way you would like; it is your independent learning, show us work that you are proud of! More information to follow.

#### Notes for Spring Term:

- Please continue with your weekly hub jobs: reading, spelling shed and times tables rockstars.

# Y4 CURRICULUM MAP

## Humanities

In History and Geography we will:

- Look at the journeys both Anglo-Saxons and Vikings took when invading Great Britain and the impact their arrival had on the people of Britain.
- We will be working out the journey of a refugee, planning routes and distances using mapping skills.

## Science

In Science, we will be looking at the journey our food takes throughout our digestive system.

We will also be looking at human impact on our world. Specifically looking at the different journeys litter can take and which has the worst impact on our world.

How would you feel travelling around the world?

## Maths

We will be learning about:

- Multiplication and Division including working on times tables
- Area
- Fractions and decimals
- extending our reasoning skills
- improving our arithmetical fluency

## English

The children will have a variety of writing opportunities including diary entries, letters and newspaper articles using some drama to help inspire ideas.

The girls will have numerous creative writing opportunities in which to implement our *Y4 Writers Toolkit* throughout this topic.

We will centre some of our learning around Phillip Pullman's 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'

What is a refugee?  
How would you feel having to leave your home behind?

## Computing

The girls will be working on their use of search engines and word processing skills to research journeys and share their findings in a variety of ways.

## Art and DT

We will use other cultures as stimulus by discussing the work of artist and sculptor Nizar Ali Badr and recreating his work.



## RE & PSHE

We will be learning about several journeys in RE including the Christmas story, and the journey of the shepherds and angels. The girls will be comparing their own life to that of a refugee.

PE & Music will continue to be taught alongside our themed unit, integrated where appropriate into our Project eXplore work