

Under Attack (part 1)



Year 4 - Spring 1

What's it all about?

This topic explores invaders and settlers in the UK: Romans, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.







Historians: We study what it took to be a Roman soldier, how the Romans invaded Britain and the legacy they left behind.

Readers: We'll be studying The Roman Soldier Handbook and Roman Myths.

Spellers: We will be covering the following patterns: adding the prefix inter- (internet, interlock), homophones (peace, piece), words with the ay sound spelt eigh, ei and ey (neighbour, vein, they), words ending in –ous (courageous, enormous) and words with the s sound spelt sc (science, scent).

Writers: We will write parts of a historical story, instructions, persuasive letter and a speech in role as Boudicca.

Mathematicians: We will work on multiplication, division, area, fractions and decimals.

Musicians: We will explore the 'Doot Doot Song' unit.

RE: We will be learning about Sikhism.

DT: We will be designing and making Roman siege machines.

Scientists: We will be classifying animals, exploring food chains and animal adaptation.

Life Skills: We will be exploring the unit 'Keeping Safe'.

Family Learning Ideas:

British Museum – learn about life in Roman times.

St Albans—visit Verulamium and experience life in Roman Britain first-hand.

Look for local Viking re-enactments

Hermitage Values:

Our value for this half term will be integrity.

Trips/ Visits:

Residential to Hindleap Warren between Wednesday 18th March to Friday 20th March 2026 (Spring 2)

Anglo Saxon Day— Wednesday 25th March 2026 (Spring 2)

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