




Year 4 Topic Overview – 2019/2020

	Autumn – Dark Ages	Spring – Natural Disasters	Summer – Ancient Greeks
			
Big Questions	<p>Why were they called the Dark Ages?</p> <p>When were the Dark Ages?</p> <p>How can we use archaeology to reconstruct the past?</p> <p>How can we communicate the past?</p> <p>What did people eat?</p> <p>When did the Vikings arrive?</p> <p>Why were boats important to the Vikings?</p>	<p>Where in the world do earthquakes occur?</p> <p>What building designs can withstand a quake?</p> <p>What do communities do after a disaster?</p>	<p>When were the Ancient Greeks?</p> <p>How can we use historical evidence to find out?</p> <p>How did the Olympics begin?</p> <p>What did the Greeks enjoy?</p> <p>What religion was important to them?</p>
Key texts	<p>The Eye of the Viking God by Terry Deary</p> <p>Arthur and the Golden Rope by Joe Todd-Stanton</p> <p>Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo</p>	<p>Coming to England by Floella Benjamin</p>	<p>Greek myths</p> <p>Percy Jackson and the Lightning Bolt Thief by Rick Riordan</p>
Writing Genres	<p>Adventure</p> <p>Journal</p> <p>Letter</p>	<p>Recount</p> <p>Explanation</p> <p>Journal</p>	<p>Myths</p> <p>Playscripts</p>
Trips and visits	<p>Visit Escot anglo-saxon village</p> <p>Apple store –computer generated design workshop</p>	<p>Visit from Shelter Box Charity</p> <p>Visit Exeter Cathedral</p>	<p>RAMM Museum</p>
Creative Opportunities	<p>Exhibition of archaeological sketches</p> <p>Sutton Hoo helmet sculpture</p> <p>Print of shield design</p> <p>Construct Viking boat for burning-burial</p>	<p>Street art</p> <p>Fund-raising for shelterbox charity</p> <p>Volcano painting</p> <p>Salt dough tectonic plates</p> <p>Design earthquake resistant buildings on jelly</p>	<p>Making clay pots that show scenes from life</p> <p>Re-create the Olympics</p> <p>Make and use puppets for playscripts</p>
Debates	<p>How would it feel to be invaded by another country?</p> <p>What would it feel like to have a different religion brought in?</p>	<p>How does it feel to be a refugee?</p> <p>What is the best way to help/support refugees?</p>	<p>Where would you rather live- Athens or Sparta?</p>
Food Tech Opps	<p>Make and eat a saxon vegetable pottage around a fire</p>	<p>Bake items for sale</p>	<p>Design and have a Greek feast</p>