

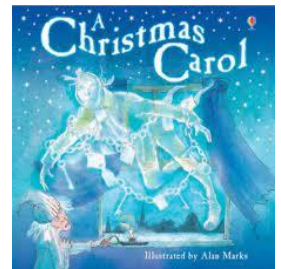


**ST. DUNSTAN'S**

**Year 4 Rationale**

**Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term**

**Early Britain - What are our origins?**



As Year 4 continue their learning about invasion and settlement in early Britain, they will consider how historians use primary sources to answer questions about the past. The children will begin to ask their own historically-valid questions and answer posed questions about this period of British history. They will explore primary sources to learn about Sutton Hoo to learn more about the lives and beliefs of the people at the time. Children will learn how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources and investigate why the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings invaded Britain.

Following our theme of origins, the children will read a variety of Victorian texts, including A Christmas Carol and Victorian poetry, to become familiar with an older style of English writing. This will help them to build a mental picture of what Britain used to be like and enable them to write setting and character descriptions. There will be a focus on developing the children's understanding of figurative language so they can begin to engage with the deeper meaning of the texts and further build their insight into what Britain was like in the past.