

THE VIKINGS ARE COMING!

This half term, we are giving you a menu of Viking homework activities. Over the next six weeks, choose at least **one** option from each category (ie a minimum of 3 pieces of homework).

Category 1: Writing

Write a Viking saga

Write a recipe for a raid

Write a short Viking play

Write a fact page about a Viking topic (e.g. travel, lifestyle, communication)

With a family member or friend, argue the importance of learning about the past*



Category 2: Knowledge and understanding

Research the Vikings found during the building of the new road to Dorchester

Research Viking raids on Dorset - did any settle here?

Identify locations of Viking settlements using a map (across the UK)

Research the Viking Gods



Category 3: Art & design

Design a Viking board game

Make a model of a Viking longhouse

Make a Viking collage

Draw or paint a picture of a Viking God

*Note to parents/guardians: if there is no obvious piece of homework to hand in, please encourage your child to write a comment about an activity to show that they have interacted with a task, thank you! This homework has been designed to allow a degree of flexibility. All children have access to school resources and information books about Vikings. As we will continue to send out a weekly "PIPs" newsletter about your child's learning, any comments from you regarding the homework or their learning is welcomed.

Viking Saga

The Vikings used to tell long adventure stories called sagas. Remember, we're talking about people who lived many, many years before televisions and computers were invented, so sagas were a great way of entertaining each other. Do you think you could write a Viking saga? An exciting story of adventure, or perhaps battles?

Recipe for a raid

You will need:

20 angry Vikings

1 longboat

1 monastery

Several peaceful Anglo Saxon monks

A selection of weapons

1. Make all Vikings board the longboat

2....

Can you write your own 'Recipe for a Raid'?

Arguing Activity

Consider with your friends and family:

Why do we study history?

What would happen if we did not learn about the past?

Can we learn anything from the actions of people in the past?

Research tasks

In class, we will briefly learn about Viking settlements (where they settled and why) and Viking gods. Children can use books or the internet (with support) to research these topics further. Presentation of what you find out is entirely up to you! A great place to start is

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/vikings/>

Design a Viking Board Game Have you heard of the game Hnefatafl? Have a look on this weblink:

<http://www.homespunweb.co.uk/vikings/>. Think you can do better? Design your own, and test it with someone!

A Longhouse Model

Think about the features of a longhouse (the fire in the middle, a thatched or turf roof, benches with animal skins) and try to create a miniature version. Choose your materials carefully!

Viking Collage

Think about an interesting Viking scene – here are some ideas to help you:

- A longboat on a stormy sea
- A Viking farm
- The rainbow bridge between Midgard and Asgard
- A Viking raid!