

Traders and Raiders

(Anglo Saxons and Vikings)

Summer Term 1st Half Term Homework

This half term we should be studying Traders and Raiders, looking at the invasion of the Anglo-Saxons and then the Vikings. Our enquiry question is Why is the school logo a Viking ship? – You could see if you can find out.

Please use the homework tasks that would have been set to learn about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings. The tasks can be presented however you would like, we have made some suggestions but feel free to adapt them! Work can be completed in homework books, the other books sent home or on paper, you can take photos, upload to your portfolio on Class Dojo, make models and PowerPoints – the choice is yours!

Feel free to do your own research into these invaders and either just enjoy finding out or present your findings in a way you like to.

You could do a mini project to find out about an aspect of everyday life in Anglo-Saxon or Viking times.

Please do not feel that you need to get through all of this! We have tried to give you as many ideas as possible so that you and your child can choose things that interest you.

We look forward to seeing your amazing work.

English

- Listen to the story of King Arthur, create a comic strip to retell the story. You can include drawings, text, thought and speech bubbles.
- Look at King Alfred's pledge: 'I desired to live worthily as long as I lived, and to leave after my life, to the men who should come after me, the memory of me in good works'. Write a pledge – how would you like to be remembered in the future?
- Imagine you are a Viking skald or poet. Create a poem to sing the praises of a friend or family member.
- Write a diary entry for a Viking warrior or an Anglo-Saxon settler. How would a diary entry be written long ago?

Maths

- Create a timeline of key events that happened between the start of the Anglo-Saxon era and the end of the Vikings.

History

- Research local Anglo-Saxon or Viking invasions in your local area, where did they come from? Where did they land?
- Find out about St. Bede and why he is an important historical figure. Create a character profile about him and his work.
- Do some research about Viking names and their meanings, and make up some suitable Viking names for your friends and family. Remember to describe something about each person's appearance or characteristics.
- Find out more about the Futhark alphabet (also known as the runic alphabet), used by the Vikings. Write a short message using the runic characters. Vikings wrote on wood, bone and stone. What will you use?
- Find out about real treasure (often known as hoards) discovered from this period. Sutton Hoo and the Staffordshire Hoard are good examples. You might find information on hoards close to school. However, exact locations are often kept secret. Can you think why?

- Research the Vikings and create a poster that contains at least 6 key facts about the Anglo-Saxon to Viking period in Britain. Think about any pictures that could be included.
- Draw or print out a picture of yourself and a Viking child. Write about the similarities and differences between you both. Include information about their day, school, family, toys, pets, work.

Geography

- Create a map of Britain showing the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms and how they changed when the Vikings invaded. Can you discover why York was so important? How does the map of Britain compare to now?
- Can you name the counties of England?
- Draw a sketch map to show where the Vikings came from.

Creative

- Make Anglo-Saxon or Viking foods – there are recipes online.
- Look at images of Anglo-Saxon coins. Can you design a coin? You could draw a picture or use modelling clay or other materials to make your coin look like metal – use your imagination.
- Research some simple Viking embroidery patterns. Using a needle and coloured threads, embroider a small handkerchief. Maybe you could give it to someone as a present?
- Look at animals in Viking art (search online for the Urnes or Jelling styles). Can you design and draw an imaginary beast to make a fantastic pattern?
- Build an Anglo-Saxon or Viking home. Think about the features of the home and write how it is different to our homes now.
- Design a Viking board game. How many players can play? What is the purpose of the game and how do you win?
- Design a Viking shield.

Useful Websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zxsbcdm> Anglo-Saxons, Alfred the Great.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztyr9j6> Vikings

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n09vrVfI168> Reconstructing a Saxon house

Search for Horrible Histories video clips – there are loads!