

Vikings! – Colkirk, Spring 2020.

What we intend to cover in our learning:

HISTORY

Who were the Vikings?

Where did they come from and when did they settle in Britain?

How did the Vikings fight?

What weapons did they use and how did they fight at sea?

Viking traders and explorers.

Who were the famous Viking explorers and how far did they travel?

What was life like in Viking Britain?

What jobs did they do? What did they eat? What were their houses, clothes and jewellery like?

What was the Danelaw?

Why was it called the Danelaw and where was it?

What happened to the Vikings?

The Vikings lived in Britain for many years. What happened to them in the end?

Were the Vikings all bad?

Bloodthirsty pirates or peaceful farmers, craftsmen and traders?

ENGLISH

Sagas, myths and quests

including:

- the characters of Viking gods such as Odin, Freya, Thor and Loki.

- saga settings: Asgard, Midgard and Jotunheim.

- how to write an adventure story, with character, setting and dialogue, based on a saga.

Viking life: raiders, farmers and explorers

- how to write an eyewitness account of a Viking raid.

- how to write a balanced argument: Vikings - the good, the bad and the ugly.

Plus writing and comprehension based on our class story:

Viking Boy by Tony Bradman

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MUSIC

Viking Saga Songs inspired by the gods and goddesses of Viking mythology but rooted in modern styles such as reggae, rock and lyrical ballads.

ART

-Knots and patterns
-Animal art
-Dragon art
-Viking jewellery

GEOGRAPHY

- Raids and explorations: where did they go and what did they discover?
- Maps of the Viking homelands.

Key words I will use and need to know:

Archer, armour, axe, Baltic, berserker, blacksmith, chieftain, Danegeld, Danelaw, Europe, explorer, freeman, frenzy, gods, helmet, invaders, longhouse, loot, longship, navigation, Norse, pillage, plunder, quest, ransack, raids, runes, saga, Scandinavia, settlement, shield, slave, spear, sword, trade, treasure, Valhalla, Viking, voyage, warrior, Wessex, Odin, Thor, Freya, Loki, Asgard, Midgard, Jotunheim, Yggdrasil.

Ideas for Viking activities at home

Find links to all these ideas at Schoolrun.com

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/vikings>

We will also send this via MyEd.

Have Mum or Dad help you make some porridge in the way that the Vikings would have had it · Watch Horrible Histories songs about the Vikings, the Vikings & Garkunkel Song and The Vikings - Literally · Print some Viking colouring sheets · Make your own Viking tortoise brooches and try Viking cord winding · Walk through a Viking house · Quiz yourself on the Vikings · Colour in some Viking ships and Viking families or a Viking village · Travel back to AD 793 to go on a Viking quest · Bake your own Viking flatbread · Go to Viking Training School · The Cbeebies television show Gudrun the Viking Princess offers a glimpse of what life might have been like for the Vikings a thousand years ago · Visit a Viking village · Listen to a collection of Viking sagas told by Loki, Viking god of fire, on BBC Schools Radio · Read a National Geographic kids comic set on a Viking longboat · Make baked apples stuffed with honey and elderberries, the Viking way · Make your own Viking shield, Viking longboat and Viking helmet with step-by-step instructions and videos from Hobbycraft · Try some Viking puzzles from the Yorvik Centre · Step back to 876AD and make your own Viking longship, Viking longship figurehead and Viking helmet

PLUS

Mathematics: place value; reading, writing and ordering numbers; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; fractions, decimals and percentages; properties of shape, measurement, mass, time. Ongoing times tables practice, ongoing reasoning and problem solving.
Science: Sounds are made when objects vibrate; how sounds travel through different materials; making sounds louder or quieter; changing the pitch of sounds; how sounds travel over a distance; making a string telephone.

Spelling: weekly spelling activities and words sent home to learn.

Computing linked to the national curriculum including e-safety.

German: with Mrs Thomson

PE: a variety of activities with Amy from Top Coaching.