

Summer Fun!

In preparation for our topic on the 'Vikings,' it would be great if you could choose at least one of the activities to complete over the summer. If you want to complete more than one go ahead.

Writing

Write a Viking saga

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

Write a recipe for a raid

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

Write a short Viking play

Knowledge and understanding

Research Sutton Hoo

Identify locations of Viking settlements using a map.

Research the Viking Gods

Art & design

Design a Viking board game

Make a Viking collage

Make a model of a Viking longhouse

Draw or paint a picture of a Viking God

NOTE: Anything from this Art & Design section needs to be accompanied by a written piece of explanation/research.

Please make sure models are not too large, with board games or collages being no bigger than A3.

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 would have been a great way of entertaining each other.

Do you think you could write a Viking saga? An exciting story of adventure, battle or love perhaps?

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:

- 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

E.g. Sutton Hoo, Viking settlements, Viking Gods.

Children can use books or the internet to research these topics further.

A great place to start is

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

Design a Viking board game

<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 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 (remember Hiccup!)
- A Viking farm
- The rainbow bridge between Midgard and Asgard
- A Viking raid!

Success criteria:

- Neat presentation
- Creativity
- Effort
- Independent writing (not copied straight from the INTERNET)