

Overall outcome:
An opinion board showing our own conclusions about the past: How should we remember the Vikings?

Texts
Vigi the Viking and the Dream Dragon – Scoular Anderson
The Littlest Viking – Sandi Toksvig
Harald Hardnut – Tony Bradman

Key subjects
History, English, DT, Music, Art

Narrative hook
People: Anglo-Saxon Monks
Place: Lindisfarne Abbey
Problem: The Norsemen were coming
Possibilities: Were all Vikings really vicious raiders and invaders or is this a view that should be challenged?

Vocabulary
Trader, raider, invader, settler, settlement, longship, Norsemen, pillage, brutal, conquest, voyage, king, Wessex, Mercia, Danelaw, burhs, Odin, Valhalla, Berserker, Helheim

Transformative and/or diverse individuals
King Alfred the Great
Sewyn Forkbeard
King Cnut
William the Conqueror

Class 4 Term 4 2022
Year focus: When have we shown resilience and resourcefulness?
Term focus: Were the Vikings really vicious?

Content: What will we learn?

Creativity: How will we show we understand in multiple ways?

Coherence: How does this link to other year groups and subjects?

Compassion: What opportunities are there to show compassion for the environment and each other?

Community: Where are the links to local expertise and resources? Visits and visitors

- Who were the Vikings?
- Where did the Vikings come from and when?
- Why did they raid and why were they so successful at it?
- Why did they settle in Britain?
- How was society ruled?
- Who was Alfred the Great. Was he great? How did he respond to the struggle for power?

- We will analyse sources of evidence and suggest reasons why the Vikings gained such a bad reputation.
- We will write our own Viking saga stories.
- We will use clay to create a 3D clay model, inspired by the mythical beasts found in Viking mythology.
- We will sing songs to learn about Viking gods and mythology.
- We will crack the code and write secret messages using runes.
- We will form a human pyramid to understand the feudal system.

Year 3 – Can war leave a lasting imprint on the world?

Year 5 – Romans – Pioneers or Bullies?

We will look at how the Vikings gained their bad reputation and consider the dangers of making assumptions about people and the importance of challenging stereotypes.

The Battle of Chippenham – a battle between a Viking army led by Guthrum and an Anglo-Saxon army led by King Alfred the Great.

We will learn about the statue of King Alfred the Great in nearby Pewsey and the link to the origins of the Pewsey Carnival.