

Home Learning – Year 4

Spring 1 – The Vikings



Choose one or more of the suggestions below. In class, we will share all our entries. All winning entries will be shared in our Home Learning Celebration.

Arts

- Create your own Saxon style jewellery.
- Try printing onto some fabric a Viking design.
- Have a go at clay modelling (or using salt dough) to shape a Viking artefact.
- Vikings were seafaring people who would travel great distances. Why not create a map of the Daneland (areas where Vikings were living) on parchment paper.
- Could you design a treasure box filled with artefacts? The box could be part of the overall design.

Cooking

- During the Viking Age bread was most often baked in the form of flat cookies on embers, directly on the hearth stone, or on frying pans. Try making some simple bread and taking photos of your work.

STEM

(Science Technology Engineering Mathematics)

Idea 1: Seasonal Change

The Vikings were reliant on the weather for travel and food. The weather in Norway was very different to that in Britain. Design a weather station and keep a diary or make a report about the weather in the Arctic Circle.

Idea 2: Food and Nutrition

The Vikings ate different foods throughout the year as they ate seasonal produce. Design a Viking menu or find out about healthy eating and present your work as a presentation or report.

Idea 3: Pulleys

Design a moving mechanism that relies on pulleys to move backwards and forwards.

Idea 4: Floating and Sinking

Design an experiment to find out which shape boat is the best for moving lots of Viking warriors.

Music

- Create your own Viking longhorn out of card.
- Design your own string instrument using elastic bands
- Why not listen to some traditional Norse poetry and design a simple rhythm that repeats. Could you record it or write your arrangement using simple notations?

Drama & Storytelling

- Vikings passed on stories to their children and families as not all of them could read or write. Why not write your own poem that tells a tale of a Viking warrior.
- Why not write your own Viking story to tell the tale of a Viking who arrives shortly after the raid on Lindisfarne. What mystical quest could they travel on?
- Find, learn and record yourself telling a Norse tale. Think about using actions and sound effects in your story.