

# What was it like being a Viking?

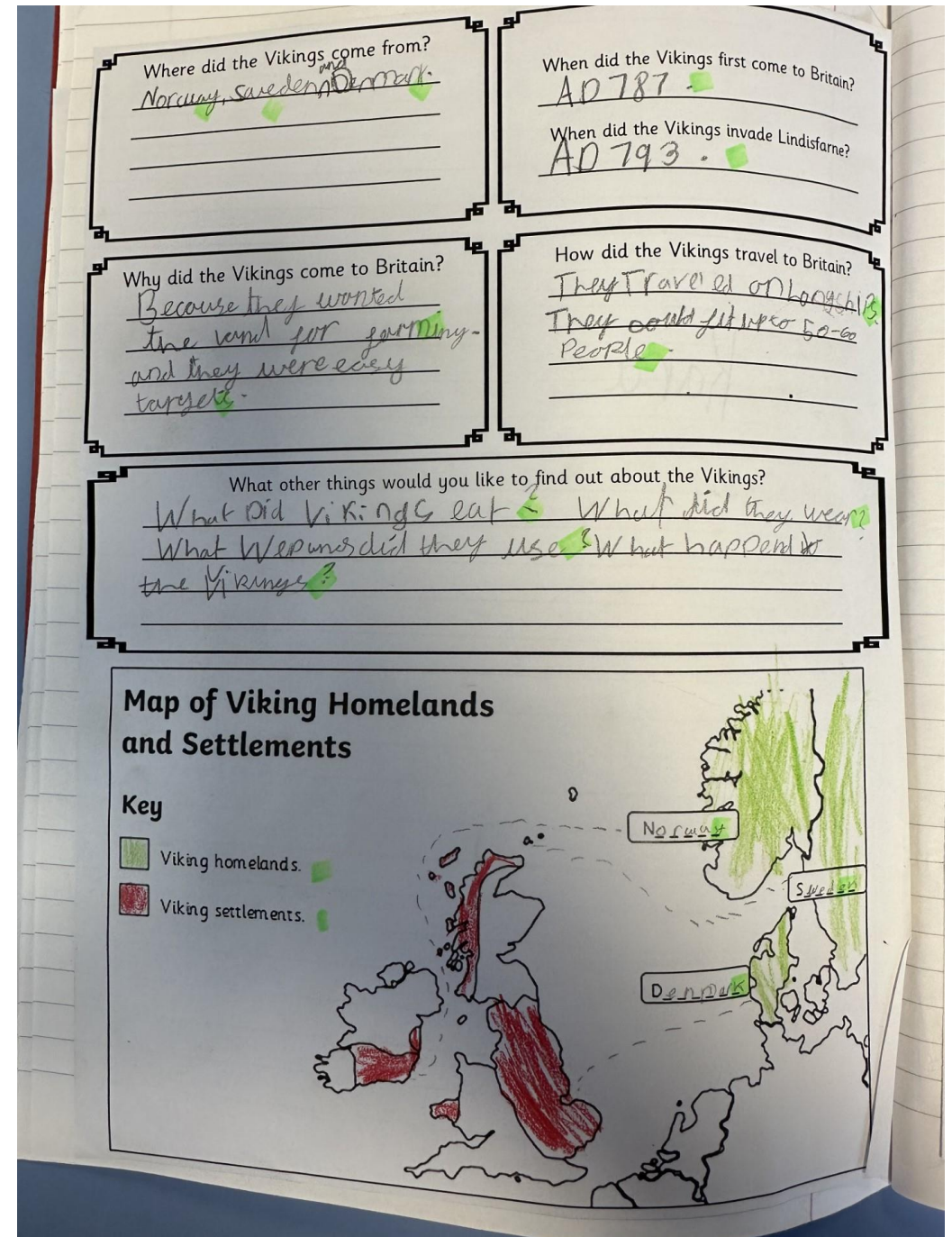
To begin our learning, we used maps and other information sources to find out about the Vikings.

Where did they come from?

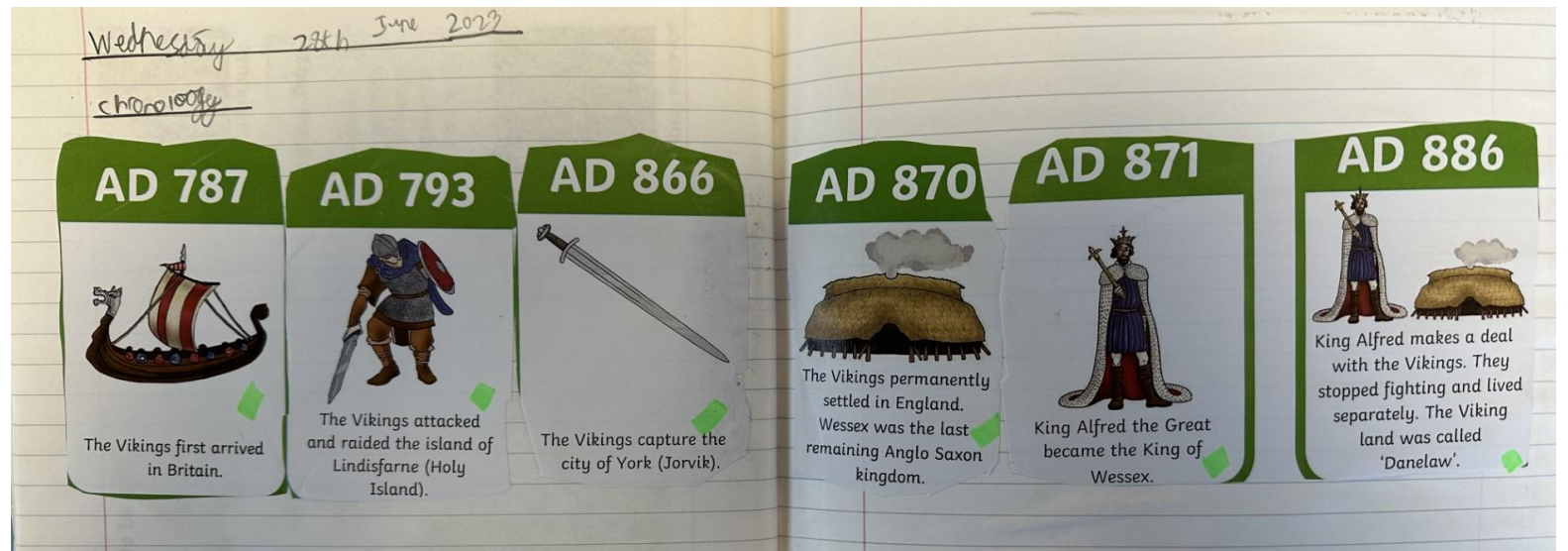
When did they come?

Why did they come?

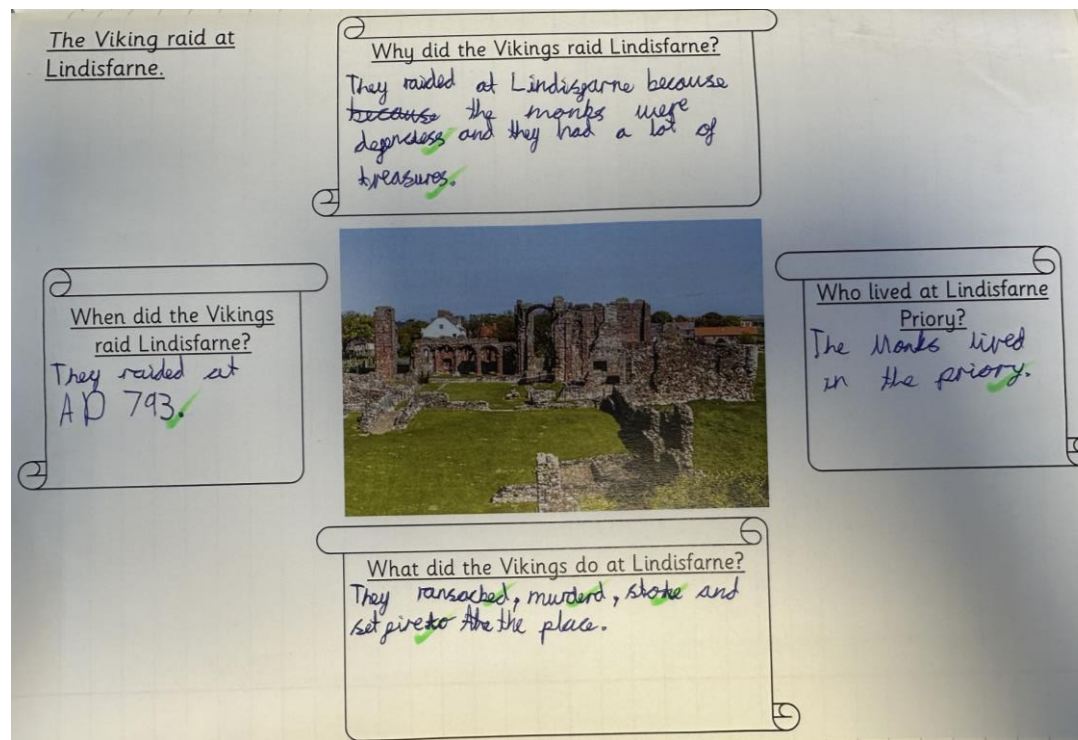
How did they travel?



Next, we placed key events of the Viking invasion into chronological order.

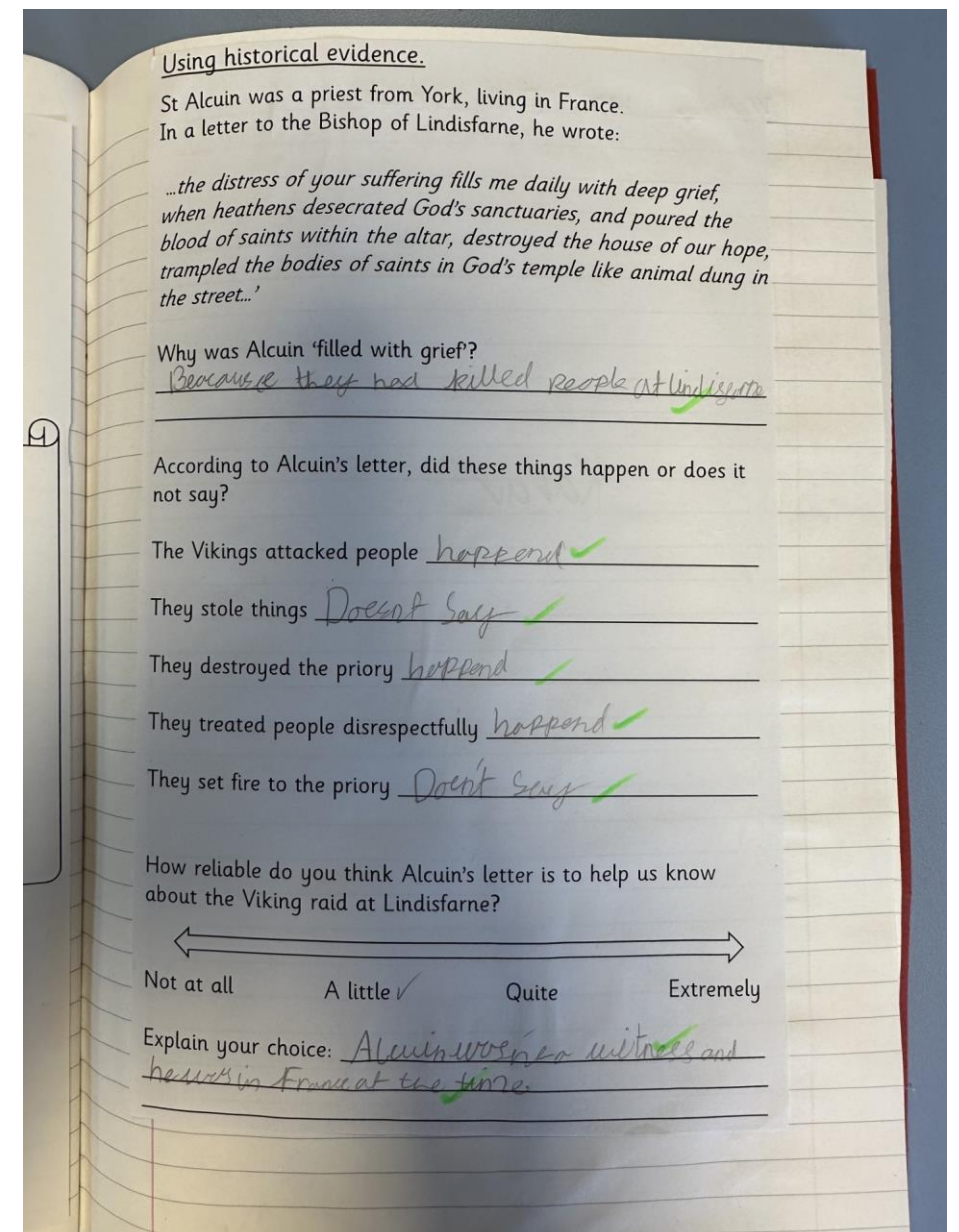


Before our visit to Lindisfarne, we found out about the Viking raid there.



We thought about what the experience would have been like from the different perspectives of the Viking soldiers and of the monks who lived there.

We looked closely at a primary source to think about the claims we could make from it. We also began thinking about how reliable the source is.



# Our visit to Lindisfarne...



Viking farm - village life

Farm jobs • planting  
On the farm it was the children's job to scare <sup>was</sup> and be a lookout for wolves or other predators.

Village jobs  
An important job would be a blacksmith, because the blacksmith would even have his own building.

Other facts  
They would move their village every 50 years to get new soil. They would usually have the biggest house and it would be in the middle.

Animals  
On the farm they would keep:  
• cows  
• chickens  
• cows pigs  
• horses  
• geese

Crops  
They would plant:  
• carrots  
• vegetables  
• wheat  
• grains

Water source  
They would normally build their village next to water to use for cooking, cleaning and drinking.

High fence  
They would build fences to keep out bears, wolves and other creatures that they wouldn't like.

Buildings/Houses  
The houses would take 18 trees and the houses would have thatched roofs with a hole in the middle to let smoke out.

We then thought about different aspects of Viking village life.

We used the internet to carry out research.

We were particularly interested in finding out about the types of clothing they had, so we could compare this to the previous historical periods we have learnt about.

Viking clothing.

Viking warrior  
helmet  
cape  
cloak  
Sword  
Shield  
belt

Viking farmer  
Tunic  
dress  
leather shoes

The shield that they use it is made out of 2 layers of linden and wood.

Clothes were commonly made from wool or linen. We wear one long dress which goes to floor or to the knees.

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## VIKING JOB DESCRIPTION

Name: KARA

Age: 44  Male  Female

Position available: Wiking

Job description (what would you have to do?): You would be expected to fight raid and even kill. You will also be expected to carry sharp and dangerous weapons. In this job you will travel long distances in longships. Also you will have to defend your village and also live in the biggest house with the chief.

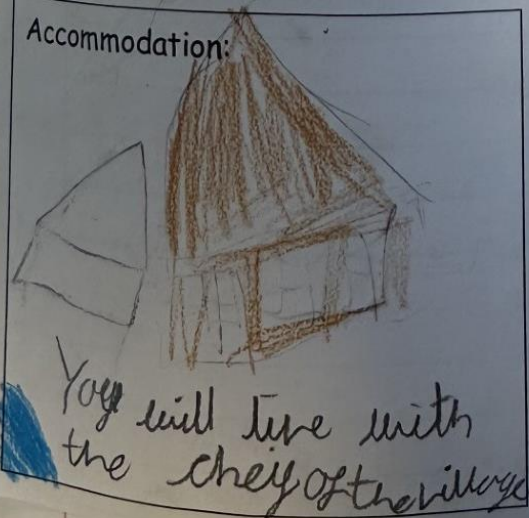
### Skills needed for the job:

You will need to be strong, fierce and brave. You must not be afraid to kill and not be a coward. You will have to be a skillful swordsman.

### Clothing:



### Accommodation:



You will live with the chief of the village.

Any other information: The chief will tell you where to go and what to do. You will have to use good teamwork skills with the other warriors and if you get seasick you may not apply.

Our final piece of work was to think about which kind of Viking job and lifestyle we would like to do.

We had to think about everything we had learnt to make our decisions.