

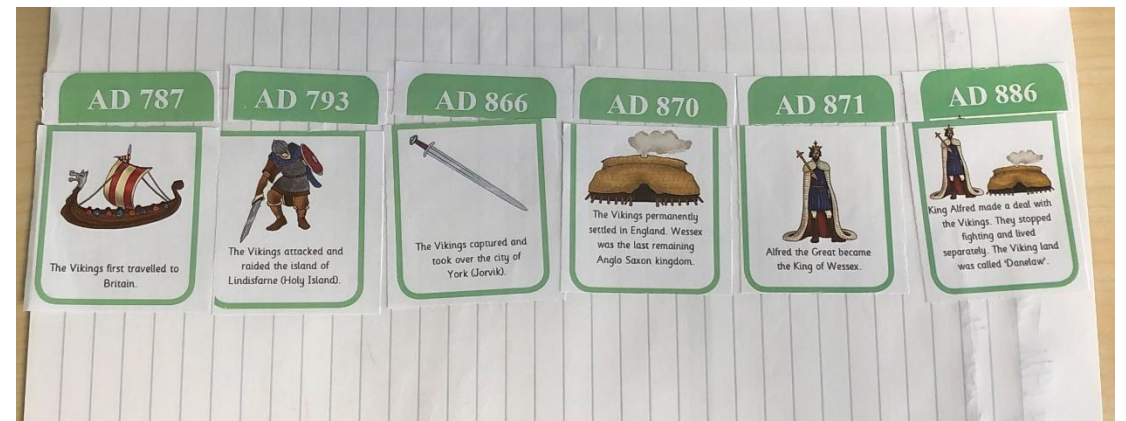
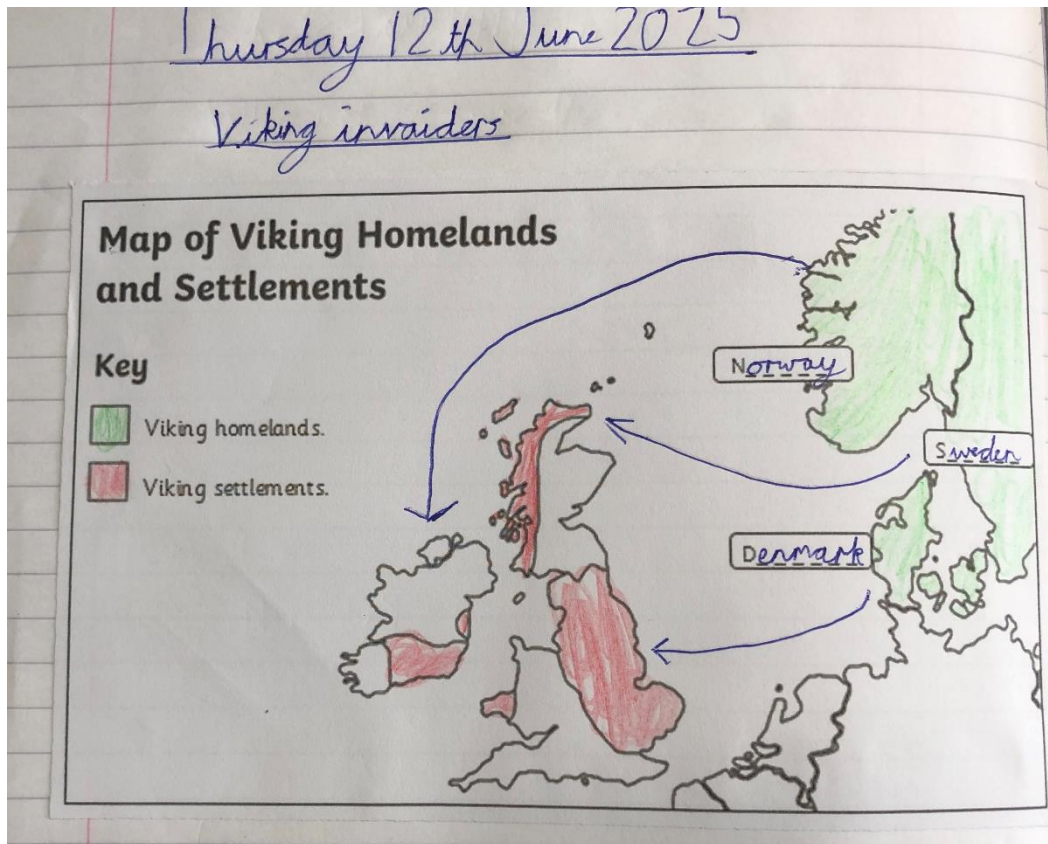


EBL: What was it like to be a Viking?

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Year 4 Dolphins

Viking Raids and Invasion.

To first understand the Vikings we looked at how they came to the British Isles, originally travelling on incredibly well long ships to conduct raids. We looked at where they came from, and where they went and eventually settled. This included a brief timeline that encompasses the key dates of the Vikings coming to Britain!



Viking Raids and Invasion.

This included an exploration of the evidence, the archaeological finds.

Illuminated Manuscript

c. 1130

Viking ships arriving in Britain as depicted in an English illuminated (decorated and a prized possession) manuscript..

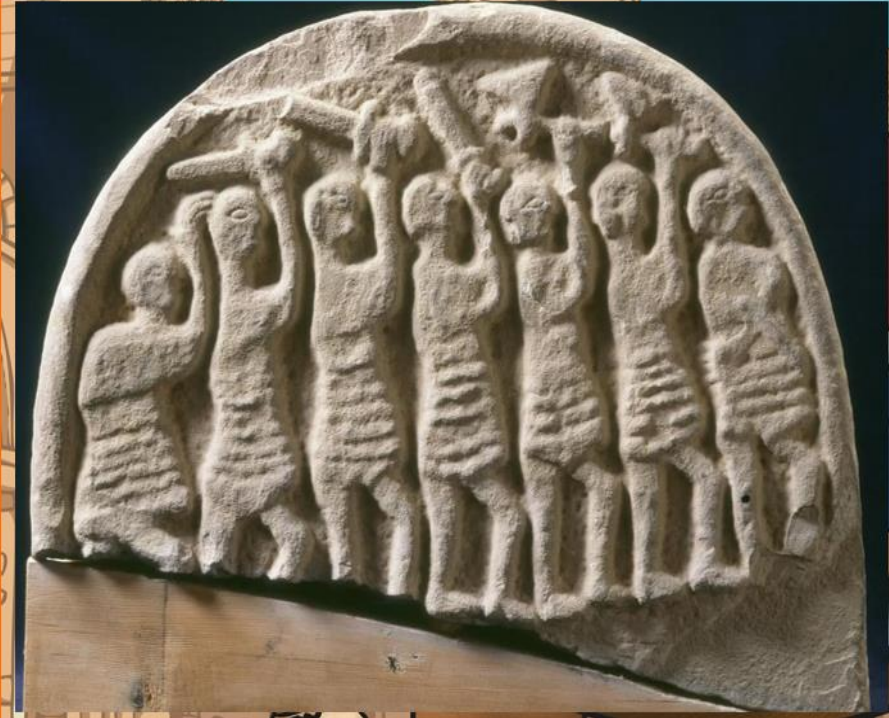


Domesday Stone

9th-century

801 – 900 AD

'Domesday stone',
found at Lindisfarne.




Who were the Vikings?

We remained focused on the attacks and raids of the Vikings, exploring the meaning of the word 'Viking' as in to go raiding, similar to piracy. We looked at their first major attack on Lindisfarne, on the 10th June 793AD.

We related this back to what we knew about them, such as why their incredibly well crafted long ships were so effective and a 'first hand account'.

We also looked into the main targets, being Christian monasteries such as the priory on Lindisfarne and why they were targeted (due to the wealth and vulnerability/pacifist belief system of the monks and nuns), what the Vikings did, and what they took – due to the wealth.



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St Alcuin's letter makes me think that the Vikings were cruel and vicious because they killed and destroyed so many helpless people.


Where did the Vikings come from?
Norway, Sweden, Denmark

When did the Vikings first travel to Britain?
AD 789

When did the Vikings invade Lindisfarne?
793

Why did the Vikings come to Britain?
Because there was more land to grow crops.

How did the Vikings travel to



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Where did the Vikings come from?
other from Norway, Sweden, and Denmark and Scandinavia.

When did the Vikings first travel to Britain?
AD 789.

When did the Vikings invade Lindisfarne?
AD 793 and 10th June.

How did the Vikings travel to Britain?
on a longship.

Trip to Lindisfarne (Holy Island)

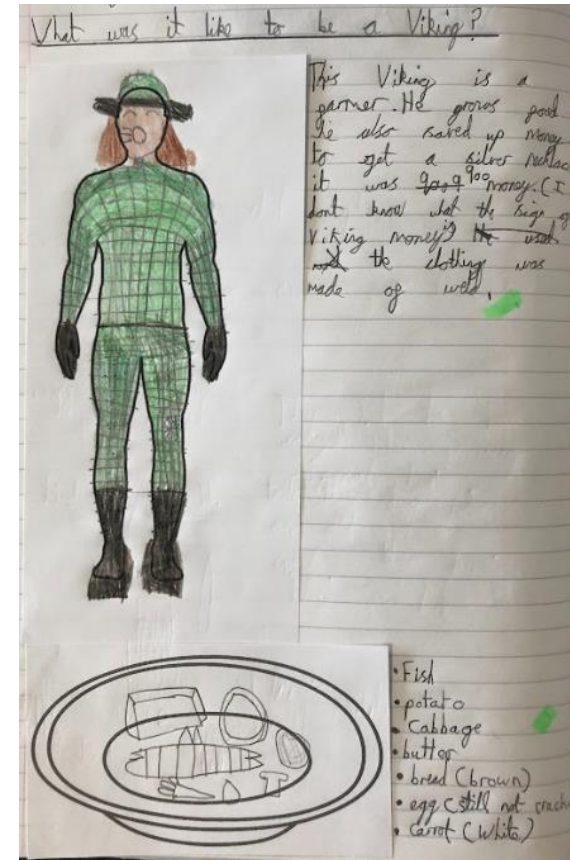
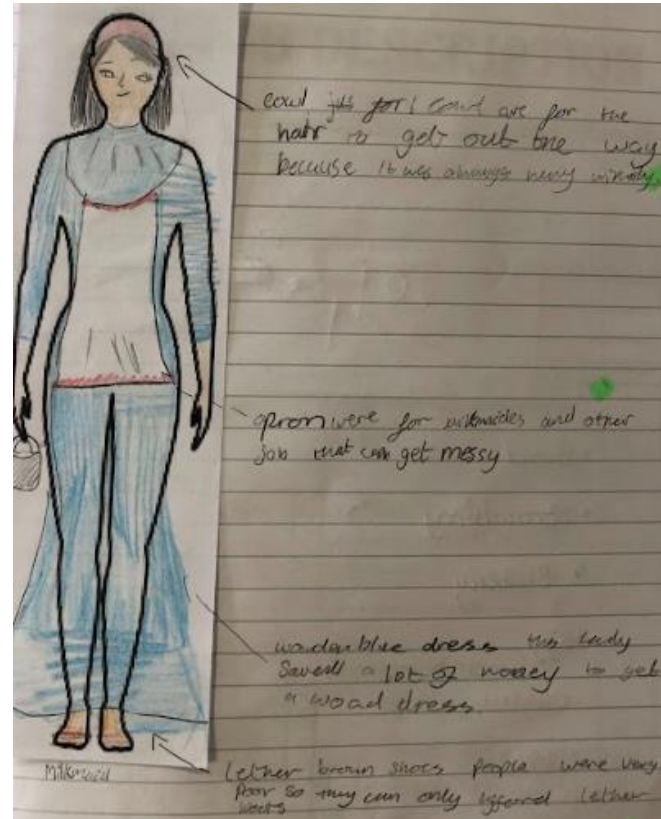
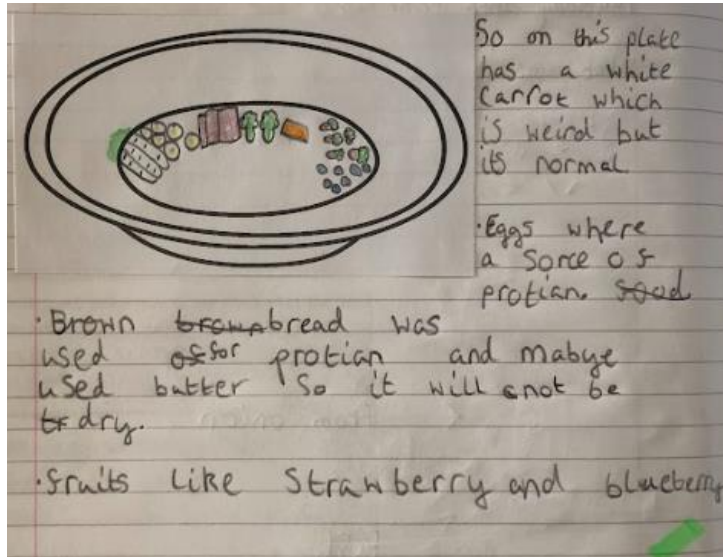
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What was it like to be a Viking?

We then spent a long time exploring what life was actually like to be a Viking, from clothing and jewellery, to jobs and diet. We listened, looked, talked and asked lots of questions, putting together our own Viking characters. The children were very interested in the fact that blue (being made from woad or true indigo) was a very precious colour for dyeing clothes and so was reserved for the very wealthy and royalty.



What was it like to be a Viking?

We also explored stereotypes and what the true reality was like, namely that the term Viking means 'to go raiding, to engage in piracy' whilst making Scandinavian settlers were actual peaceful and mainly farmers, not warriors.

Did Vikings have tattoos?



Vikings also often had long braids in their hair, both men and women!



What was it like to be a Viking?

After a fun quiz and recall of everything we have learnt about what it means to be a 'Viking', understanding that this term was extended to all Scandinavian settlers during this time period, raider or not, we put our knowledge to use by filling out a job vacancy for a role of our choosing.

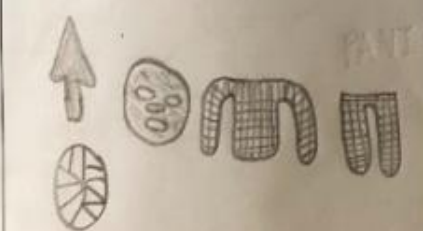
VIKING JOB DESCRIPTION


Position available: WARRIOR Male / Female

Job description:
A WARRIOR is a person who goes on a ship called a longship and fights people to steal their treasure and breaks in moatry's because it has lots of treasure treasure

Special skills needed for the job:
• needs to kill people
• precision
• hiding
• quick quick

Any other information:
They used bodypaint to scare the enemies and kill them and used it to express their feelings.

Clothing/tools/equipment:


Accommodation:



VIKING JOB DESCRIPTION

Position available: Farmer Male / Female

Job description:
Farmers always worked and growed food for others and for themselves.

Special skills needed for the job:
• energy and strength
• work and care
• kind (or gear)
• Help more food.

Any other information:
They had to be careful when growing especially winter. For toilets they dug holes and did their business inside.

Clothing/tools/equipment:


Accommodation:
They would sleep in the bed at their house.

Viking Job Vacancy.

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