

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?

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Where did the Vikings come from? Norway Sweden and Denmark.	When did the Vikings first travel to Britain? AD 789
Why did the Vikings come to Britain? Steal, Kill and farm	When did the Vikings invade Lindisfarne? AD 793
	How did the Vikings travel to Britain? Long Ships

Map of Viking Homelands and Settlements

Key

- Viking homelands.
- Viking settlements.

Next, we placed key events of the Viking invasion in chronological order along a mini timeline.



We learnt about the Viking raid on Lindisfarne in AD 793.

We watched videos of re-enactments of the Vikings travelling to the island and beginning their approach to the priory.

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 visited Lindisfarne to walk around the priory.
We also used maps to try and find our locations based on the things we could see in the area around us.



Although some Vikings were warriors, many were farmers who came to Britain to look for better land to live off.

We learnt about what life was like on a typical Viking village.

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Viking farmers – village life

Farm jobs

- harvesting
- cleaning up poop
- feeding the animals

Village jobs

- making tools
- cooking
- Raiding
- trading
- blacksmith
- carpenters

Other facts

- they lived near a forest for more wood
- every 60-50 years they went for a new land
- the slaves had the hardest jobs

Animals

- Sheep
- cows
- chicken
- goats
- horses
- pigs

Crops

- carrots
- beans
- oats
- cabbages
- onion
- peas
- potatoes

Water source

- They lived in longships
- to drink
- to pour water onto crops

High fence

- People can't raid
- keeps it safe
- easier to find the village

Buildings/Houses

- the biggest was where the chief lived
- some small houses were for farmers working
- they were called longhouses
- they put a fire in the middle

We looked at some of the jobs in more detail.

We learnt about the type of clothing Vikings wore – both warriors and typical villagers.

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viking jobs

Farmer

- Most Vikings were farmers.
- They sold crops.
- They traded these crops.

Blacksmith

- They made iron swords.
- They made tools.
- And armor from iron.

Jeweler

- They sell these jewelry.
- They used gold, iron, bronze, silver.
- They made rings.

Woodworker

- They made bowls.
- And instruments.
- And toys.

potter

- They used clay.
- They made vases.
- They made plates.

Trader

- Traded weapons.
- And tools.
- And clothing.
- Travel

Warriors

- They fought with spears.
- Also swords.
- And it only boys not girls.

Weaver

- Weavers make wool.
- They trade it.
- And sell it.

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viking clothing

Warrior

- metal chamber
- cloak
- Shield
- Warriors wore leather boots
- They wore heavy armor
- Warriors wore helmets with no horns
- boots

They kill their enemies with swords.

villager

- silk cloak
- belt
- long tunic
- pant
- leather shoes
- They would have a simple jobs.
- They wore clothes made out of wool
- If you wore red it would mean that you're rich

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 and created a 'job advert'.

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What was it like being a viking?

VIKING JOB DESCRIPTION

Position available: Weaver Male / Female

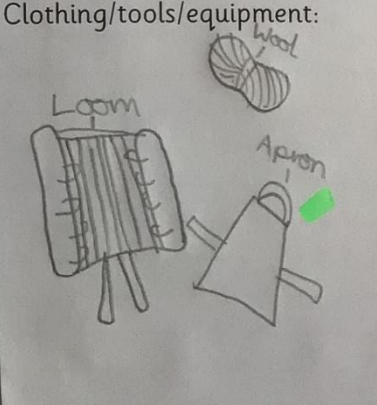
Job description: This job involves threading wool through a loom to make clothing and blankets. You have to take care of your own flock of sheep for wool.

Special skills or qualities needed for the job:

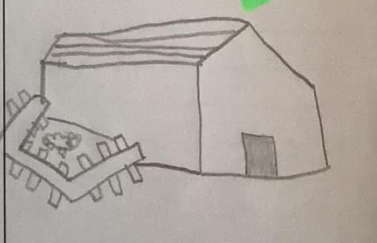
- Creative
- Focused
- Concentrated

Any other information: If you were dyeing wool, your hands and arms are likely to get stained.

Clothing/tools/equipment:



Accommodation:



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What was it like to be a Viking?

VIKING JOB DESCRIPTION

Position available: Trader Male / Female

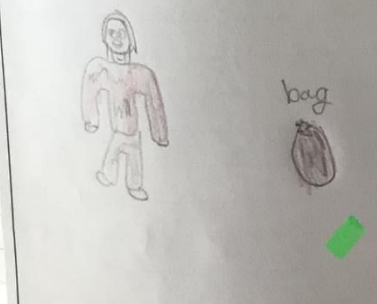
Job description: This job will involve traveling to other settlements to trade trade goods and goods.

Special skills or qualities needed for the job:

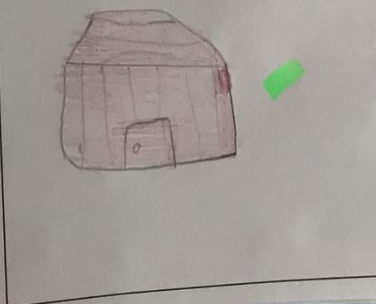
- Skilled at with boats
- Careful
- brave

Any other information: this job ^{also} includes steering longships to get to the settlements.

Clothing/tools/equipment:



Accommodation:



We used our oracy skills to discuss which job we each thought was the most important.

I think the blacksmith is the most important because they make the weapons for the chief and the warriors.

I think the woodworker was the most important job because without them there'd be no longships and they couldn't help you repair your longhouse if it needed it.