

What was it like being a Viking?

We began our enquiry by learning where Vikings came from and where they settled in Britain.

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The arrivals of the Vikings in Britain.

The Vikings came from the area of the modern Scandinavian countries (Sweden, Denmark and Norway). ✓

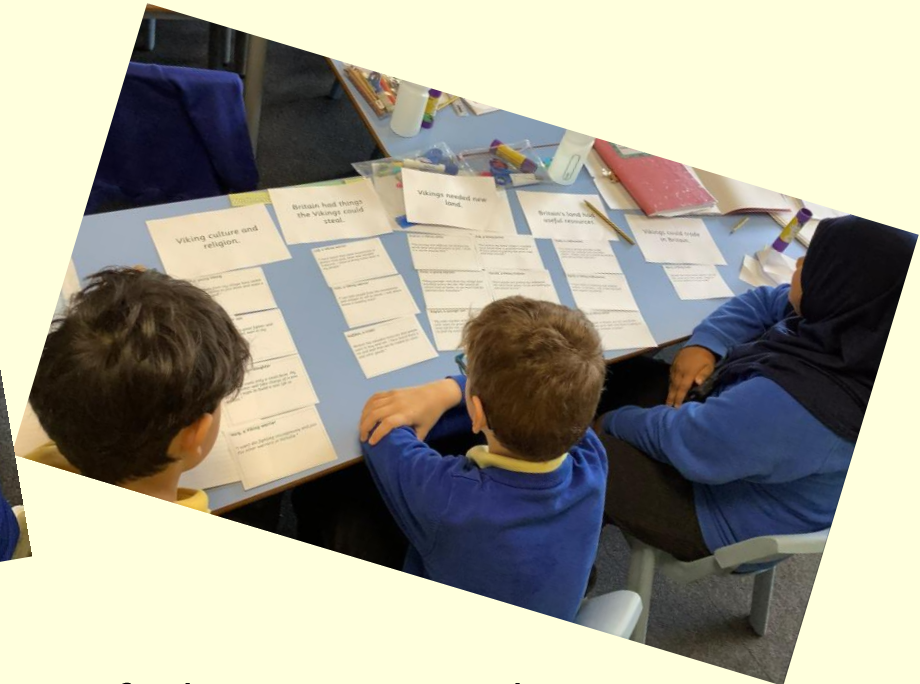
They set out in boats called longships to 'go viking' (which means to go raiding). ✓

The Vikings first arrived Britain around AD 782 and in AD 793 they raided the ~~mona~~ Monastery at Lindisfarne in Northumbria. ✓

Map of Viking Homelands and Settlements

Key

- Viking Settlements
- Viking Homelands



We learned some of the reasons the Vikings came to Britain. We used our oracy skills to work together to group scenarios into the different reasons.

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The Viking raid on Lindisfarne

Dear Mother,

Monday 10th June 793

I have some ^{horrible} news. I was just doing my stuff until I saw my monk friend get attacked by these ~~somewhat~~ warriors. He hit him with a ~~axe~~ ^{axe}. I also saw the dragon like ship in the water. I felt the odd breeze surround me. Suddenly, I heard a loud bang the doors exploded and lots more of these warriors came charging in killing everyone.

My throat started to swell and my legs started to run.

I saw so many people die some right in front of me. Blood was dripping off my face. I was petrified. I then tripped on a body and a warrior saw me and started charging at me. Eventually I got away and hid in a box. My eyes started to drip with tears and my ears were full of screams.

Once I got out of the box I saw bodies everywhere all over the altar and gold goods were gone and the holy bible was gone too.

I will hopefully write to you again soon.

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The Viking raid on Lindisfarne

Dear Mom,

Monday 10th June 793

I have terrible news yesterday in Lindisfarne we saw dragons in the shiny sky, we thought that they were in the sky but there were actually ships with dragon heads.

They were Pagans, they stormed into our peaceful church and started killing.

monks. I was hiding behind the church. I did not dare to breathe or blink. The some confident monks tried to kill the pagans but instead they got killed. The pagans took all of our treasure, gold and all of our silver.

But they didn't take all of our treasure, there was still some left. There was only blood all over the floor. They had sharp axes that shined in the sun. I could hear screams.

I could only smell blood, there was also blood coming from the at the back of the church. I felt so scared. The ones who survive when ever I heard footsteps I thought someone one of the pagans will come to the back of the church and kill me.

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The viking raid on Lindisfarne

Dear best friend,

Monday 10th June 793

We did it! I can't believe we did it. I can't wait to share it with you. This is the best experience ever!

Thank you for helping me this was so exciting. We found gold, iron, necklaces and tons more. I could not do it without you. You helped us. You helped everyone. They had no wall. It's like it was so easy and it's like god wanted us to attack them. We got there by longships. The water was shallow so it was easy to get across. I smell the smell of victory and precious treasure.

With our precious treasure we are basically billionaires. I can't believe it we are the best group ever. We could buy buy buy so much with the gold, necklaces, iron and iron this is just the best.

When we were sailing across in our longships there was no wall to protect them. It was just open. There was fear in fear but a second later they all panicked. Everyone was screaming. Is I took them I would be terrified.

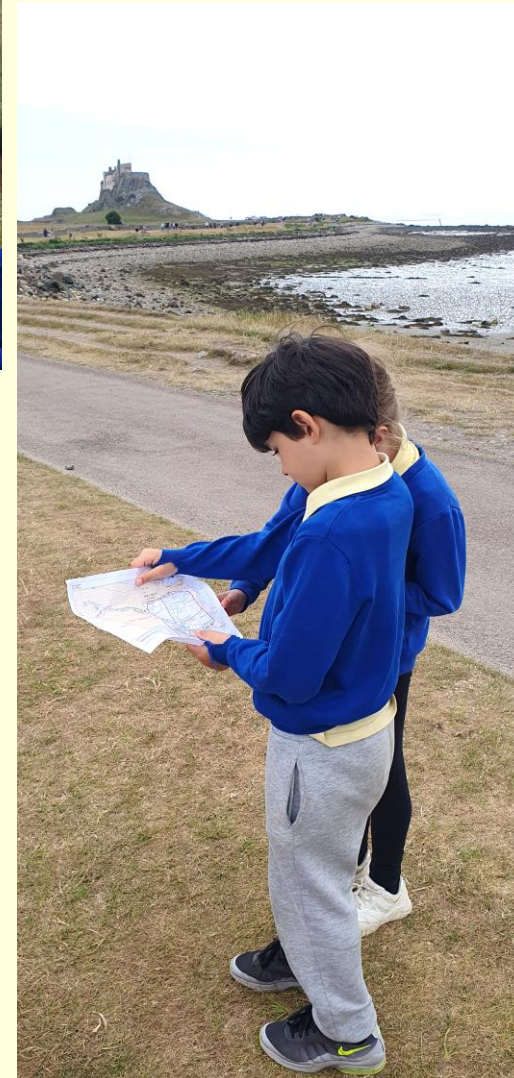
I will see you soon my friend.

When the raid was over the ones who survived were forced to the ship and where forced to be slaves. When the raid was over I got up and walked around the church only to find all over the church there was blood. Breathe breathe. May god keep me and you safe.

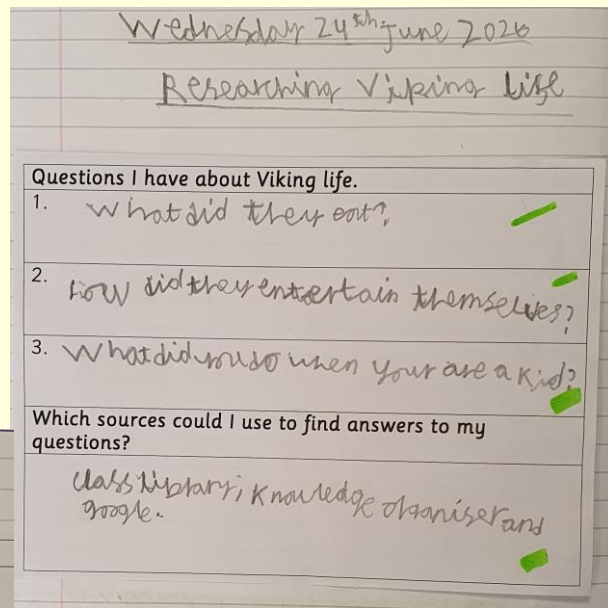
We learned about the Viking raid on Lindisfarne in AD793. We wrote letters as a monk or a Viking describing the events and including details from the sources we had read.



We visited Lindisfarne to better understand the events of the Viking raid.



We asked questions about Viking life and considered where we might look to find the answers.



We then researched different areas of Viking life to answer our questions. We shared the information we found with the class.

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VIKING JOB DESCRIPTION

Name: Casyn

Age: 27 Male/Female ☒

Position available: a weaver

Job description (what would you have to do?): They would make material for clothes, blankets, wall hangings and sails for the ships.

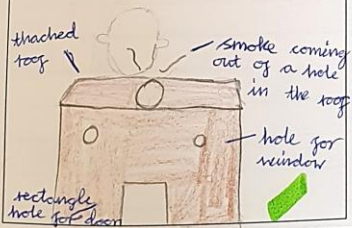
Skills needed for the job:

careful
patient
clever
hand handicrafting

Clothing:



Accommodation:



Any other information: Weaving

was mostly done by women
They would spin the wool or fleece (to make into linen). The clothes would be woven on a loom.

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VIKING JOB DESCRIPTION

Age: 25 Male/Female ☒

Position available: Farmer

Job description (what would you have to do?):

Plant crops and vegetables
feed animals
build the houses

Skills needed for the job:

Strong
patient
hard working
helpful
working

Clothing:



Accommodation:

They lived in longhouses
Father
father



They lived in longhouses
here was one window

Any other information:

Viking farmers had to do everything by hand - being a Viking farmer was a hard job.
They would whatever was needed around the farm.
Farmer's work was hard
but they were

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VIKING JOB DESCRIPTION

Name: Eric

Age: 33 Male/Female ☒

Position available: Trader

Job description (what would you have to do?): I need to make sure the trading is safe and it was silver pieces would need to know how much. OF ALSO I would have to trade! (the most important part of the job!)

Skills needed for the job:

Count silver pieces
intelligence
traveller
good communicator
keep track of things
persuasive

Clothing:



Accommodation:



What are they made from?

Any other information: They

also would have
probably work
hard to earn
the treasure
then sell them!

Finally, we learned about Viking jobs and the different roles of men, women and children and wrote job descriptions for these.