

Traders and Raiders

English

Key Texts: Explore! Anglo Saxons, Explore! Vikings, The AngloSaxons,

Purpose for writing: Explanations, Non-Chronological reports, Narratives, Persuasions and Peace poetry.

Writing: Children will learn features for each genre of writing, and how to proof-read pieces of written work and edit for clarity. Children will draw on knowledge obtained during topic lessons to support this.

Grammar: Adverbs, fronted adverbials, apostrophes

Word Reading / Comprehension: Children will learn how to infer meaning from texts.

Choose to be a Saxon or Viking and trade your crafty goods. But let's keep it cool- we don't want a fight breaking out!

Key Areas of Learning

As Historians we will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.

As Geographers we will be using maps, looking at settlements and Europe— linking in with our history work.

As Artists/Designers we will be looking at Anglo-Saxon patterns, jewellery and weapon making, and creating models of Anglo-Saxon homes.

This term year 4 is sailing back to the dark age, where battle were rife and fear regained.. Meet the Viking from Scandinavia and find out about the Saxon life, including how they lived and where they came from..



History

Identify significant events between AD 410 and 1066. Exploring the everyday life of Anglo Saxons. Research into Vikings beliefs

Geography

Children will search online to see the spread of the Saxons shore forts across the UK.

Children will find significant sites during Arthurian legend



Maths

Topic covered this half term:

- Money
- Mass , volume and length
- Area of figures
- Problem solving

Find out more about the Futhark alphabet (also known as the runic alphabet), used by the Vikings. Write a short message using the runic characters. Vikings wrote on wood, bone and stone. What will you use?



Imagine you are a Viking skald or poet. Create a poem to sing the praises of a friend or family member.



Try making Anglo-Saxon bread or Viking flatbread (search online for recipes)



Home learning is fun

Creative Focus

Look at images of Anglo-Saxon coins. Can you design a coin? You could draw a picture or use modelling clay or other materials to make your coin look like metal – use your imagination!



Do some research about Viking names and their meanings, and make up some suitable Viking names for your friends and family. Remember to describe something about each person's appearance or characteristics.

Research some simple Viking embroidery patterns. Using a needle and coloured threads, embroider a small handkerchief. Maybe you could give it to someone as a present?

