



Year 4 Anglo Saxons and Vikings

What was life like in Anglo Saxon Britain? Do the Vikings deserve their reputation?

At Merridale, history, geography, art and design and technology are taught through a topic based approach which we call discover.

History

In history, year 4 will be learning about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings. They will start this unit off by understanding what AD and BC means. They will then look at why the Anglo Saxons invaded, where they originally came from and where they settled. They will look at a range of primary and secondary sources to answer a range of posed questions.

When looking at the Vikings, children will research into why the Vikings have got such a bad reputation. As well as this, they will research into what it was like to live in a Viking settlement. They will also compare events from How to Train a Dragon and see how accurate this is to actual Viking life.

Geography

In geography, year 4 will be learning about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings. They will be building on their atlas skills from the first unit to identify where the Anglo and Saxons and Scandinavians came from. They will also use a range of maps to to identify the physical and human features of these places. They will focus on North Denmark and see what the human and physical features are and compare these to those of Northumberland.

Art and Design



This term, children will be focusing on weaving in art. They will be taught to develop their techniques including their control and use of materials through experimentation. They will learn to identify a weft and warp and use these to create a plain weave. For their final piece, they will create their own loom using natural materials. They will select threads for their colours and use these to make a pattern.



Use the details in your reading record to log on to your class Seesaw page and share your home learning with your class teach-

Activities to complete at home

- Practice weaving at home
- Practice locating the four northern European countries
- Practice locating the six northern European countries
- Practice locating Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Netherlands, Germany, Poland
- Draw a picture of a Viking based on what you have read about the,
- Create a poster comparing the Vikings to the Anglo Saxons
- Research the climate zone in different parts of Scandinavia
- Find out what time it is around the world.
- Make a model of a Viking longboat
- Visit your local library or bookstore and find some non-fiction books about Vikings.
- Write a fact file about Vikings
- Compare our houses to Anglo Saxon houses