

Viking Attack! (week 1)

- To understand how Anglo-Saxons changed from paganism to Christianity
- To know what the first Viking attacks were like
- To identify where the Vikings came from and explain why they settled in England
- To look at recounts of historical events and discuss how reliable the information is
- To learn about what life was like during Viking times and how it changed our country

The Pit of Doom! (week 2)

This week the children will work in groups to explore the Viking remains found on the Ridgeway, during the construction of the new bypass from Weymouth to Dorchester.

The children will use their archaeological detective skills to collect information and form their own ideas about what happened at this site, considering different theories.

They will use this information to write a recount of this important local discovery and turn this into a news report.

New Barn Field Centre (week 3)

- To see first-hand what everyday village life was like during Saxon/Viking times
- To try traditional daily activities, like grinding wheat to make flour and learning how to make different types of fire for different purposes
- To explore what weapons the Saxons and Vikings had and to learn about battlefield medicine (making poultices)
- To see what houses were like and make comparisons with housing throughout history

Viking Art and Craft (week 4/5)

- To understand that Vikings travelled to trade goods as well as settling in new lands
- To design and make clay pottery
- To explore patterns in Viking and Saxon jewellery and to design our own brooches
- To look at the design of Viking longboats in detail and use this to design our own artwork
- To explore the differences between Vikings and Saxons, especially farming, family and food
- To try different foods that people would have eaten

The Vikings

Spring 2

Year 5



Musical Performance

During this half term, the children will be learning songs and rehearsing a short play about the Vikings that we would like to perform on Wednesday 23rd March at 2:30pm.

We would like the children to come to school that day dressed as Vikings. Please do not feel you need to buy a special costume for the performance, but we would like the children to look as Viking-like as possible! A plain, baggy T-shirt or shirt with a belt round it, plain trousers and boots would be suitable. Any fur trimmings, plastic weapons/shields/helmets etc would be a bonus!