

Saxon Settlers and Viking Invaders

DT LINKS

Saxon Weaving - symmetrical pattern, class quilt
Saxon village/building: structure & materials
Build a long ship—materials of real
Viking houses insulating
Clothes: materials available
Boats, houses, artefact design
Cooking - Make honey oat cakes, rye bread and other Saxon/Viking foods for the 'Feast Finale'

ART LINKS

Pencil Saxon Artefact drawings
Brooch designs
Long ship designs including figurehead (pattern)
Viking shields
Watercolours—view from a ship
Viking craft building sign

HISTORY

Anglo-Saxons

- Location of settlements
- Village life: buildings, jobs

Vikings

Who are they?
Where did they come from? mapwork
When did they invade?
Why did they invade?
Alfred the Great (Danelaw)
Where did they settle?
Longships
Gods
Houses
Clothes
Archaeology - how and learning from
Way of life

SCIENCE LINKS

Candle/ice science
Rocks and soils why the land wasn't good for Vikings

GEOGRAPHY LINKS

Map work - identifying settling and invasion routes

MATHS LINKS

3D shape (houses)
Measurements (boats)
Journeys to UK (measures)
Time lines
Data handling—artefact answers
Coordinates (village/boat journey)
Symmetry - weaving pattern

COMPUTING LINKS

- Scale model of Saxon Settlement village (Microsoft Word with gridlines)
- Internet research
- 3D modelling of Saxon building: Google sketch-up
- Powerpoint—viking w's
- Publisher—information page on longships

PSHE LINKS

Immigration/ people on the move
Moving on
How we treat others
Rights to move to other lands

LITERACY LINKS

- Whole Class Text: Beowulf – Michael Morpurgo
- Recount: Saxon descriptive postcard to send home
- Drama—thoughts, family role play, hot seating (in longship)
- All reading work centred on the book 'The Cursed Sword'
- Diary of voyager
- Persuasive advert for Saxon house
- Instructions on longship making
- Information on longships
- Discussion (was it right to invade?) (immigration)
- Narrative—Viking sagas

SUPER STARTER: Year 5 pupils enter classroom, some settle and sit down amongst the other children, others invade with foam javelins as

MARVELLOUS MIDDLE: Viking visitor to school (workshop) or build a large longship and re-enact a voyage.

FABULOUS FINISH: Viking Feast Finale. Cooking Viking food, invite parents and showcase topic work.