

Information for Teachers

Who were the Vikings?

KS2

at Flag Fen Archaeology Park

This session aims to debunk popular misconceptions about the Vikings and explores numerous aspects of life and culture in the Viking period.

Morning activities

Become Viking myth-busters

During the enquiry-based activity pupils will handle a variety of artefacts and discuss what these objects tell us about the group of people we refer to as 'The Vikings'. Pupils will discuss popular misconceptions about the Vikings and become detectives to find the truth about how people in Viking Britain really lived.



Thor's Hammer pendant craft activity

'Mjolnir', also known as the hammer of Thor, was often worn as a pendant by Vikings. In this activity, pupils will study images of Thor's hammer pendants, find out why they wore them and use clay to create and decorate their own Thor's hammer pendant to take back to school with them.

Afternoon activities

Language & Culture

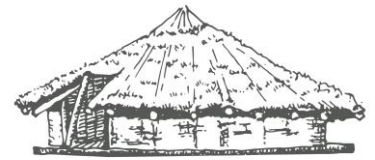


Step back in time and work in groups to play 'Hnefatafl' – one of the most common games played by the Vikings. Pupils will work in teams to learn the rules of the game and play 'The Viking Game'. Will the team playing the defending king escape from the team with the attacking pieces?

Pupils will then explore the similarities and differences between Viking runes and the modern alphabet and try their hand at a rune challenge!

Storytelling & Norse Mythology





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Norse myths were stories told by Vikings as an important aspect of their belief system. Pupils will listen to a story inspired by Norse mythology in the roundhouse where they will also discuss how Viking homes were different and/or similar. You have an option of choosing whether or not you would like to have a fire lit in the roundhouse for this activity.

National Curriculum links: History; Art and Design; English; Science.

Learning objectives:

Participating in the ‘Who were the Vikings?’ activities, pupils will:

- Explore popular misconceptions about the Vikings.
- Develop an understanding of life in Viking Britain.
- Gain historical understanding in relation to how we find out about the past through experimental archaeology and the use of primary sources.
- Understand historical concepts such as significance; continuity and change; cause and consequence and similarity and difference.
- Deduct and make statements and inferences from evidence

Other information:

Duration:	Full day: 10 am–2 pm.
Cost:	£270.38 + VAT per group of 26- 35 pupils £241.50 + VAT per group of 21-25 pupils £216.30 + VAT per group of up to 20 pupils This cost includes supporting adults and a pre-visit.
Maximum group size:	Maximum number per group is 35 and the site can accommodate up to four groups at any one time.
Recommended ratio:	Minimum 1 adult to 10 students.
What to bring:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A box or some classroom trays to transport the clay craft back to school. • Suitable outdoor clothing for predicted weather, including enough layers and a spare pair of shoes/wellington boots if visiting during the Autumn/Winter.
Information for coach driver/s	Coach drivers are welcome to use the toilet facilities in the Visitor Centre. Please note, the café in the Visitor Centre is open <i>Wednesday to Sunday</i> between March and October or <i>Friday to Sunday</i> between November and February. Coach parking is available for up to three coaches per day. Parking is free of charge.
Booking information:	To book, please contact us by phone or email. When the activities and date are agreed, a booking form and risk assessment is emailed to you. To confirm the visit we ask that you complete the booking form and email it back to us.
A note about behaviour:	Members of the school staff have overall responsibility for the behaviour of their pupils and we expect you to support Flag Fen staff with this where necessary. As you know, pupils benefit significantly when school adults also get involved in the workshops so please join in where appropriate.
Pre-visits:	We welcome and encourage pre-visits as it will give you an opportunity to meet a member of the Flag Fen Education Team; familiarise yourself with the site; go through the risk assessment, format of the day and activities and discuss any further needs. Please advise us in advance if you need to bring along dependent children. If the site is open to the general public, then you are welcome to pay the entrance fee to stay on site – only the pre-visit part of your visit is free.
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