

Owl Class Viking Day – Stepping Back into the Viking Age Year 5/6 History Enrichment – Monday 20th October 2025

On Monday 20th October 2025, Owl Class (Year 5/6) travelled back in time to experience life in the Viking Age as part of their History unit. The classroom (and beyond!) was transformed as pupils truly immersed themselves in the sights, skills and stories of Viking life.

The day was thoughtfully planned to bring history to life through role-play, craft, creativity and exploration, allowing pupils to apply their historical knowledge in imaginative and memorable ways. Although we were *thankfully* light on the pillaging, the enthusiasm and commitment shown by the children more than made up for it!

Creativity, Craft and Storytelling

A standout feature of the day was the extraordinary effort that went into the children's Viking costumes. From detailed helmets and shields to carefully considered accessories and backstories, the outfits were rich in historical detail and storytelling. The children wore their costumes with pride, fully embracing their roles as Vikings for the day.

The classroom buzzed with activity as pupils took part in a range of creative and practical tasks inspired by Viking life, including:

- Crafting and role-play, recreating aspects of Viking culture and daily life
- Storytelling, using historical knowledge to imagine Viking journeys and adventures
- Baking and making, with Viking-inspired food experiences that delighted everyone
- Exploration and enquiry, deepening understanding of Viking society and traditions

These activities supported pupils in developing a deeper understanding of Viking life beyond battles and invasions, exploring how people lived, worked and expressed themselves.

Big Homework Projects – A Fleet Fit for a Saga

Adding to the excitement of Viking Day was the arrival of the first wave of Big Homework Projects, and the standard was truly exceptional. The creativity on display left us completely blown away.

Among the projects were:

- Beautifully crafted Viking longships - enough to launch a fleet
- Runes carefully carved into dough, combining historical symbolism with practical skill
- Delicious hot stews, inspired by Viking food and traditions

The projects demonstrated not only creativity, but also secure historical understanding, independence and pride in learning. They provided powerful evidence of pupils going above and beyond to engage with their History unit.

Curriculum Impact and Learning

Viking Day provided a meaningful opportunity for pupils to:

- Deepen their understanding of Viking life, culture and society
- Apply historical knowledge in creative and practical contexts
- Develop confidence, collaboration and imagination
- Strengthen spoken language through explanation, storytelling and role-play

The day linked seamlessly with recent classroom learning and enrichment visits, reinforcing pupils' knowledge and helping them retain and apply learning over time.

History and Personal Development Impact Summary

Intent:

To bring the Viking Age to life through immersive, creative learning that deepens historical understanding.

Implementation:

- A themed enrichment day aligned to the History curriculum
- Creative, practical and reflective activities rooted in historical evidence
- Strong links between home learning and classroom experience

Impact:

- High levels of pupil engagement, enjoyment and pride
- Secure historical understanding demonstrated through creative work
- Confident use of subject-specific vocabulary and historical concepts
- Strong evidence of independence, creativity and enthusiasm for learning

Owl Class Viking Day was a vibrant, joyful celebration of history learning. The children's effort, imagination and energy made the day truly special, and it was a powerful reminder of how immersive experiences can ignite curiosity and deepen understanding. A day worthy of its own saga!



