

# What was it like being a Viking?

To begin our learning, we used maps and other information sources to find out about the Vikings.

Where did they come from?

When did they come?

Why did they come?

How did they travel?

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Where did the Vikings come from? The Vikings came from Norway, Sweden and Denmark!	When did the Vikings first travel to Britain? They came in AD 787
Why did the Vikings come to Britain? Some of them just wanted to live somewhere else and some wanted to raid and steal.	When did the Vikings invade Lindisfarne? They invaded Lindisfarne in AD 793
How did the Vikings travel to Britain? They travelled by longships, they could fit 50-60 people with ease.	
What other things would you like to find out about the Vikings? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Why were they so blood-thirsty?</li><li>Who was the most loyal viking in the tribe called?</li><li>How did St. Alban survive the viking attacks?</li><li>Which was the largest kingdom to get raided by vikings?</li></ul>	

**Map of Viking Homelands and Settlements**

Key

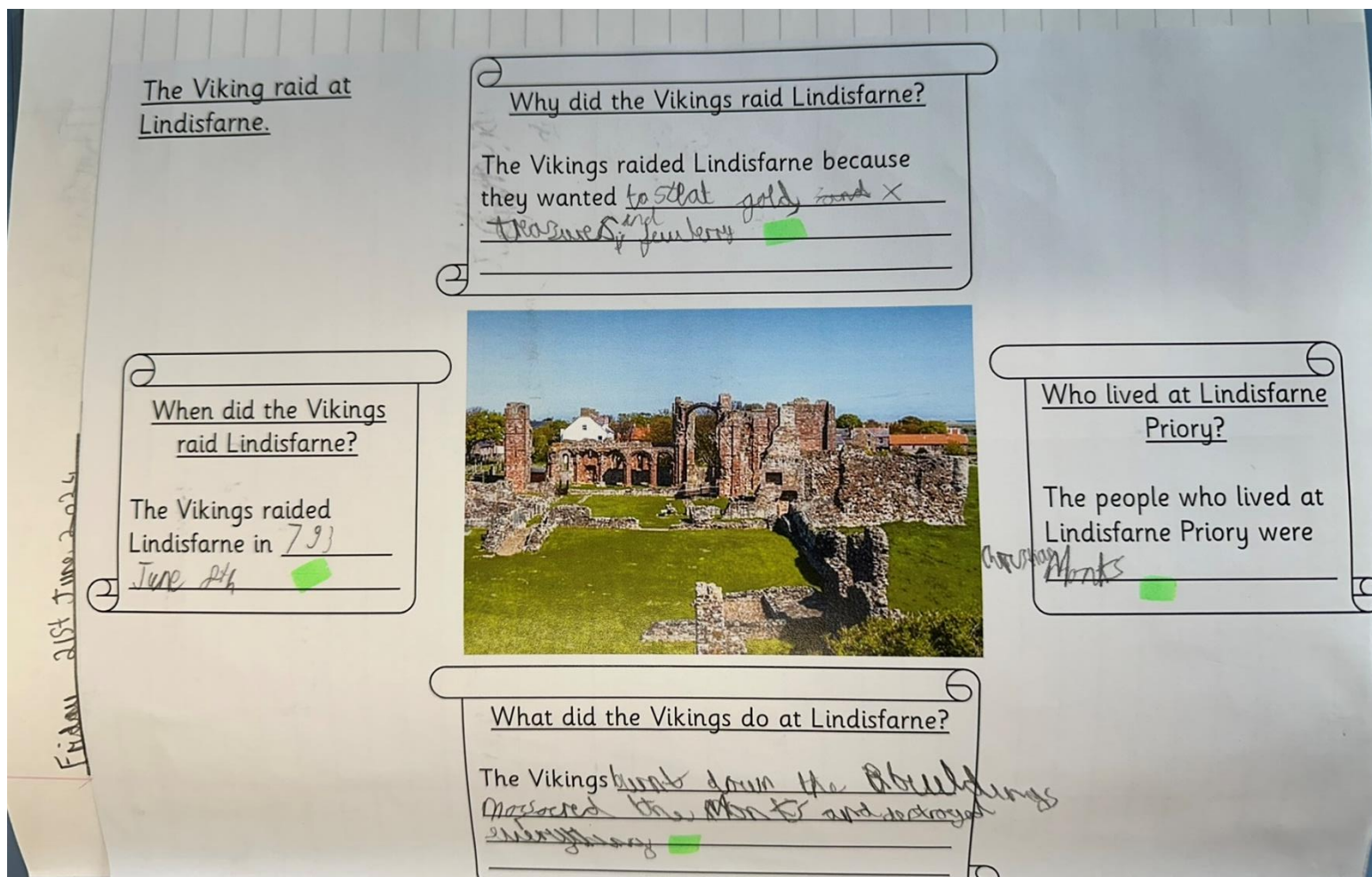
- Viking homelands.
- Viking settlements.

Next, we placed key events of the Viking invasion into chronological order.



Before our visit to Lindisfarne, we found out about the Viking raid there.

We thought about what the experience would have been like from the different perspectives of the Viking soldiers and of the monks who lived there.



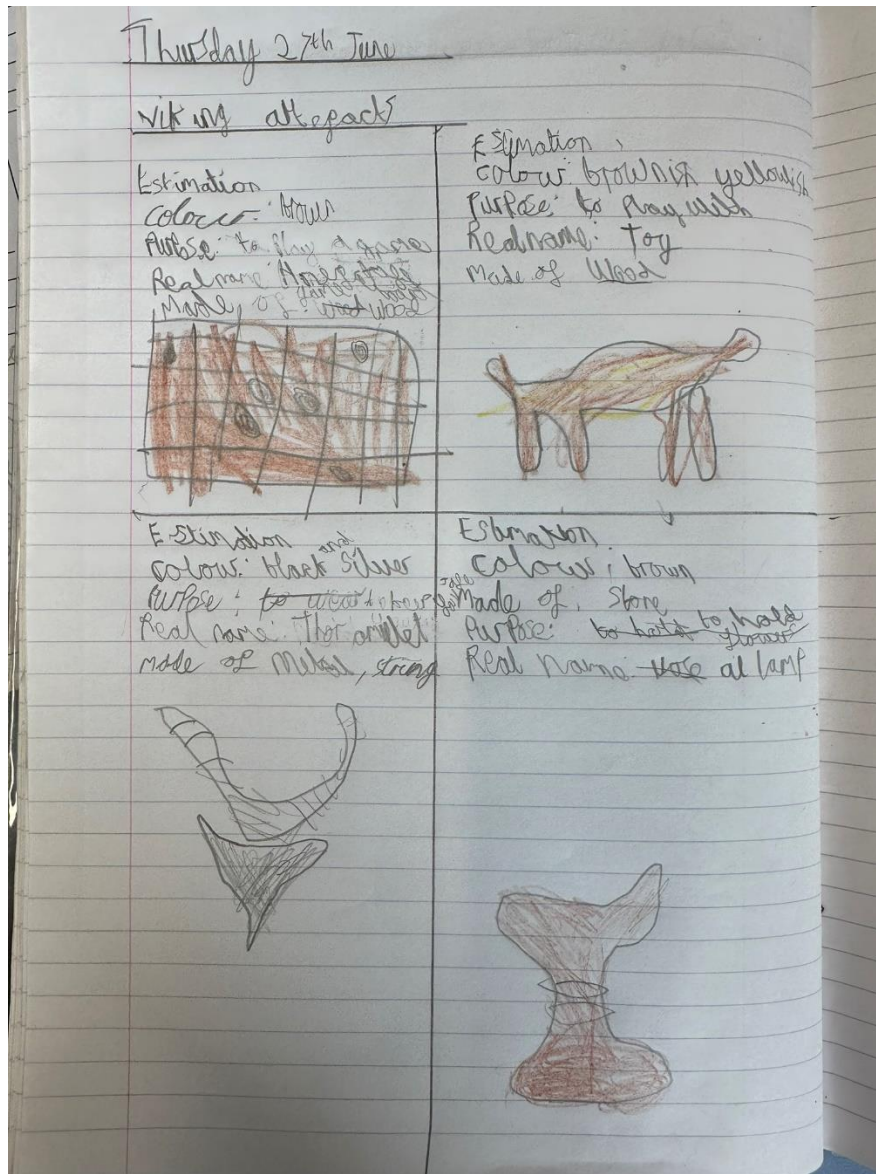
# Our visit to Lindisfarne..



We explored artefacts from the Box of Delights and particularly enjoyed trying on some typical Viking clothing...

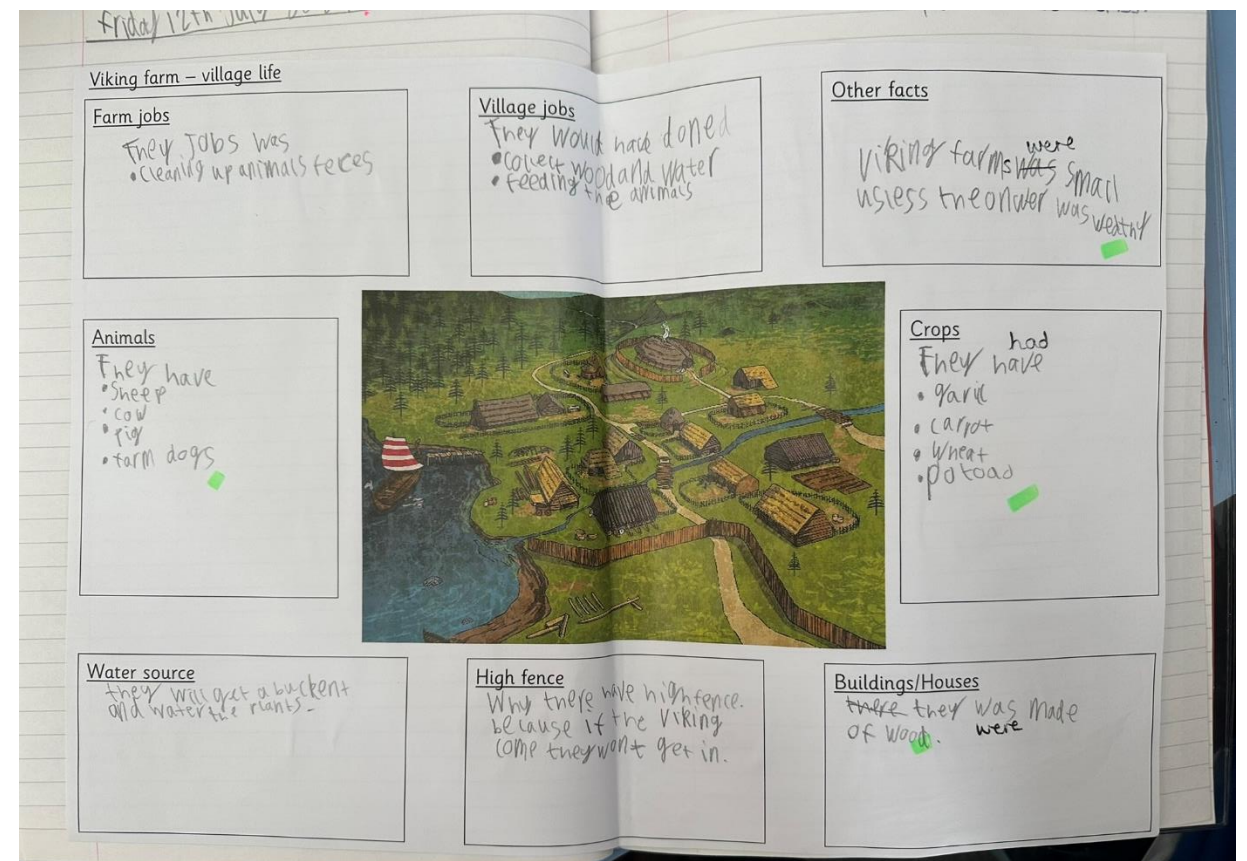


...As well as a replica helmet.

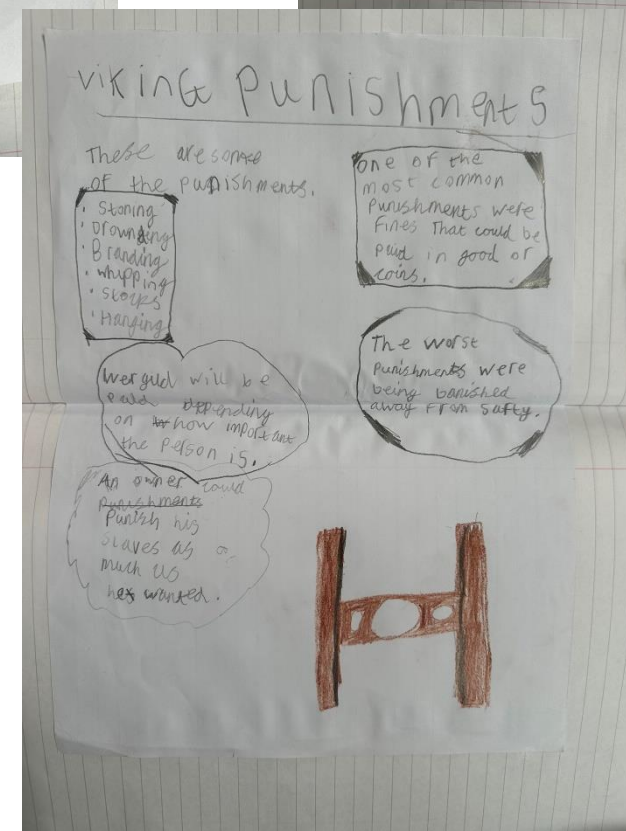
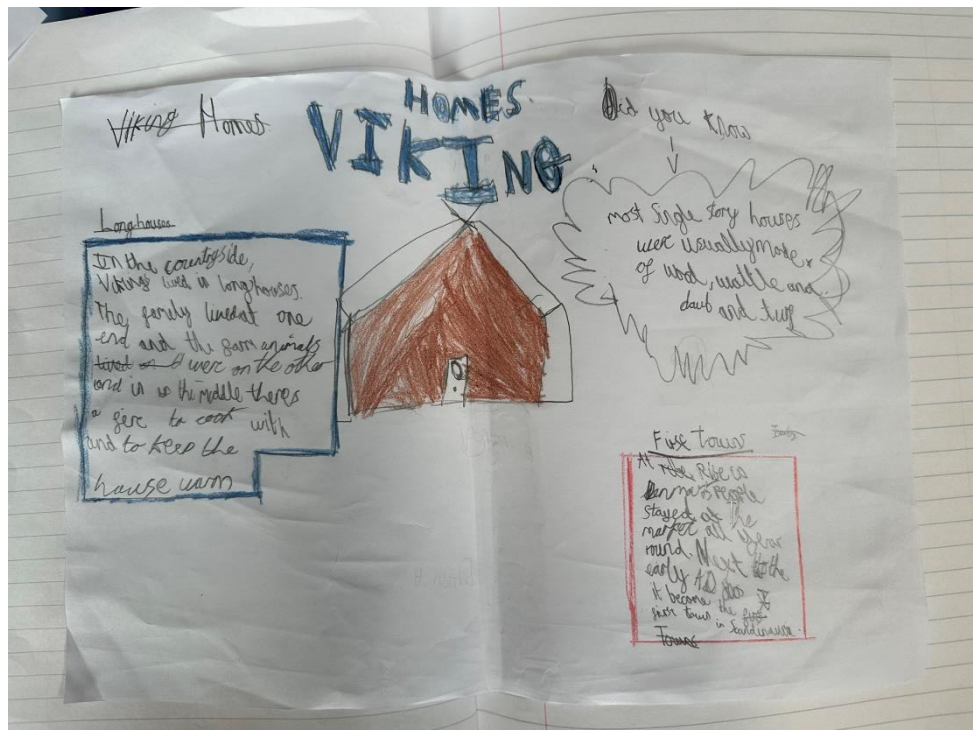
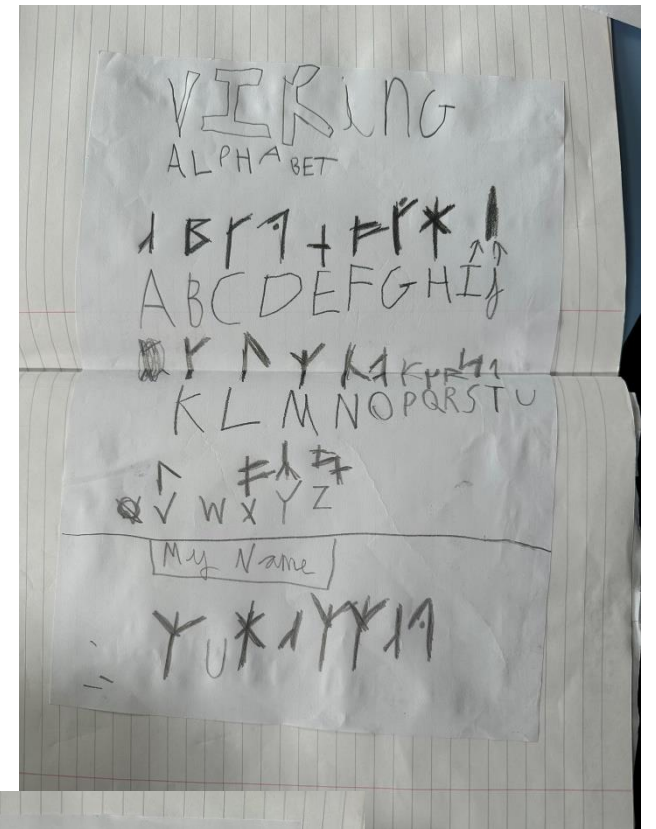
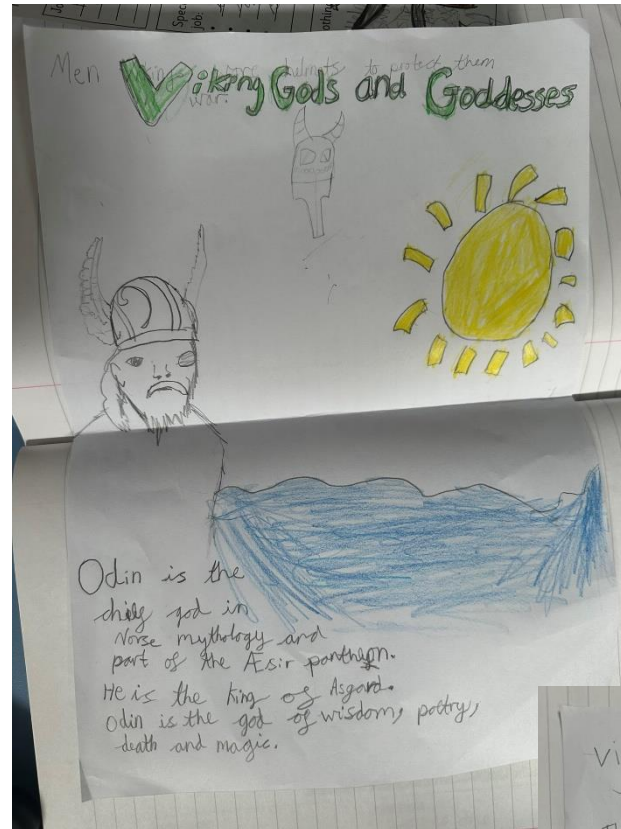
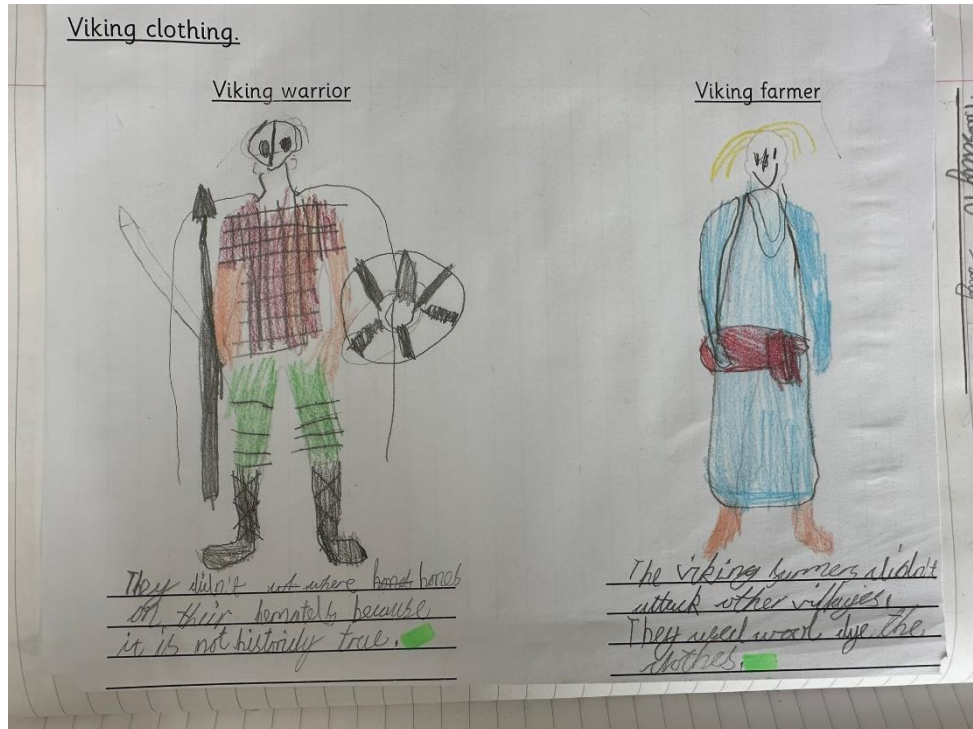


We chose four artefacts to focus on, thinking about what they were made of, how they were used and who might have used them.

We then thought about different aspects of Viking village and farm life.



After learning more about clothing, we used non-fiction books and the internet to carry out research on different areas of Viking life that we were interested in.



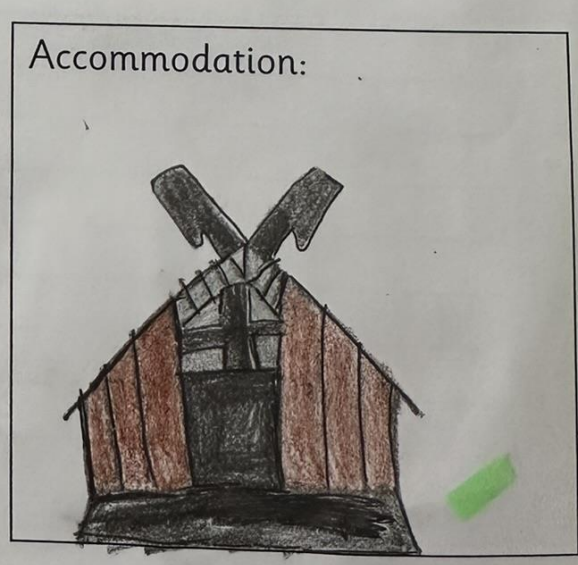
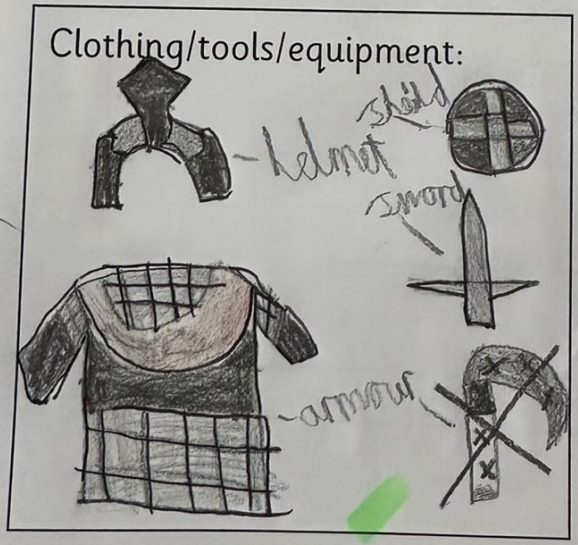
# VIKING JOB DESCRIPTION

Position available: raider  Male / Female

Job description: You will be expected to travel on longships and kill anyone who stands in your way. You need to be a savage, mean and harsh person to get this job.

- Special skills needed for the job:
- bravery
  - speed
  - accuracy
  - strong

Any other information: Even though in gothic images a viking helmet has horns there is no real evidence that they actually did.



Our final piece of work was to think about which kind of Viking job and lifestyle we would like to do.

We had to think about everything we had learnt to make our decisions.