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Topic Events – Summer 2024 - Years 3 and 4 Longboats and Battle Axes

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our topic, 'Longboats and Battle Axes', Years 3 and 4 will have a lot of exciting events happening. Sadly, this term, we will not have the planned trip out to Wilderness Woods as we were unable to secure coaches, but they are coming to us! We will also be welcoming many other visitors into school to help us learn all about the Vikings.

Visitors from Wilderness Woods - Thursday 9th May



We are very pleased to be welcoming visitors from Wilderness Woods on Thursday 9th May as part of our topic on Longboats and Battle Axes. This valuable educational visitor will provide the children with a greater understanding of the Vikings. We will take part in a carousel of activities such as artefacts handling, using trollan wheels to weave cords the traditional way, making runic necklaces and decoding runic puzzles.

We hope to be outside for a large part of the day.



Tuesday 14th May – Wow Day

To celebrate our topic, we will be holding a **WOW day** on **Tuesday 14th May**. We would like the children to come dressed as a Vikings/Anglo Saxons. We have included some photos below for costume ideas. We are also very excited to be working with the Rainbow Theatre Company, who will be teaching the children more about life as a Viking and Anglo-Saxon, and we will also be enjoying some super art activities during the rest of the day. This Wow Day has been part funded by FUBS to lower the contribution amount from parents – thank you FUBS!



Outdoors Project – Viking Experience Day – Tuesday 21st May



To further support the children's learning about the Vikings, we will be welcoming Rob and his team from Outdoors Project on Tuesday 21st May for an immersion into Viking life. We will engage in many hands on activities such as Viking pottery making, runes reading and code breaking, playing a game of Kubb (or Viking's Chess – a Viking game said to have been played with the bones of enemies), catch the flag, and how to attack with the perfect shield wall!

Children are also welcome to wear their Wow Day Viking outfits on this day, but we will be outside, so please make sure they have a jumper/coat as appropriate.

Dome Cinema Trip - Tuesday 9th July

To celebrate the end of our topic, we have arranged for a special screening of 'How to Train your Dragon' at the Dome Cinema in Worthing. This will give all the children the opportunity to watch a topic related film on a 'Big Screen', and be a lovely treat for the end of term.



The children will travel to Worthing by coach and be accompanied by staff from the Year 3/4 team. They will also all have a drink and popcorn at the cinema to make it a really special visit.

To help towards the cost of these events, we would ask for a voluntary contribution of **£35.50** per child. Visits and visitors really enhance the curriculum for the children and we would love all the children to be able to participate. Sadly, if we don't receive sufficient contributions, we may not be able to go ahead with some or all of the events. If you have any difficulty with making the contribution, please speak to your child's teacher, the school office, or Mr Andrews in confidence.

sQuid has been set up allowing for instalments to be made, rather than having to pay the full amount in one go, as we appreciate there are often a lot of demands on your wallet at the start of a term, even more so if you have more than one child in education.

Your payment will include contributions towards:

Viking workshops with the Wilderness Woods team

Wow Day – Rainbow Theatre interactive workshops, and arts and crafts materials for the day

Viking experience workshops with Outdoors Project team

Viking artefacts loan boxes from Novium Museum

Private screening of film at Dome Cinema, coach travel, insurance, popcorn and drink

Please may we apologise for the lateness of this letter – we have had delays trying to book Wilderness Woods and coach companies. As it is short notice, please don't worry if children will not have a Viking/Anglo Saxon costume by next week. They will still be able to enjoy the day. But if they can dress up, that would be great.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Stringer, Miss Underdown and Mr Marsh

