

## Resilience



Life as a Viking was tough, and they needed to show a lot of resilience to survive. One of things that helped them were the epic Viking sagas that they would tell each other.

For your homework we would like you find, learn, and record yourself retelling a Viking Saga.

Remember it's an oral retelling of a story so doesn't have to be memorised word for word, but just has to follow the main plot points. Below is a helpful link to get you started:

[KS2 English: Viking Sagas - BBC Teach](#)



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## Homework Heroes



At Kestrel Mead we value our character behaviours and would love to see you promote these at home!

We look forward to seeing what you have done on **Monday 5th February**. Children will share their homework with their class, and it will be celebrated by their teacher.

You can present this in any way you like and needs to be posted on Class Dojo so that it can be shared with the class. For the foreseeable future, we will not be giving out homework books.

### Big Question:

How have the Vikings influenced our lives today?

### Little Question:

How did the Anglo-Saxons respond to the Vikings?

The Big question will be your child's current topic. The Little questions will help to develop a moral understanding of the big question and will be focussed on during school. We have included 1 little question for you to think about and discuss at home. Other questions can be found on the knowledge organiser.

## Curiosity



The Vikings were great seafarers and explorers who travelled around the edges of Europe and to the Americas. Both Dublin and Kiev were founded by the Vikings, and Leif Erickson is believed to have sailed all the way to North America 500 years before Columbus.

For your curiosity homework we would like you to create a fact file all about Viking exploration including, for example, some of the places they sailed to, the settlements they founded, the people they traded with, and what made them such formidable explorers. Use the link below to get started:

[Viking traders and explorers - BBC Bitesize](#)

## Compassion



Compassion was hard to come by in the Viking age, but it has always been important to care and show compassion towards others.

For your homework, we would like you to write a short message of thanks for something someone has done for you, or an apology for a poor choice you might have made, using Viking runes.



## Respect



The Vikings' great advantage during the Viking age was the longship which could sail both across oceans and down rivers allowing them to attack settlements when and where they chose.

For your respect homework, we would like you to try to create your own model longship using plasticine, Lego, straws, or cardboard. Below is a link that will hopefully help:

[How to Make a Viking Longboat | Hobbycraft](#)

### How can I support my child's learning in English and Maths?

#### Weekly Spellings

These are taught on a **Monday** and tested on a **Friday** a complete list of your child's spellings can be found on the website or on Class Dojo.

Daily reading: Reading for Pleasure has the biggest impact on reading attainment! Children can take AR quizzes at school when they have finished a book to add to their word count. Word count rewards are announced on the school newsletter.

Maths: Timestables rockstars – keep practising at home and see if you can move up the school leader board. Will you be one of our school rockstars?

Also look on our school website for some fun activities to do to improve your maths.