

Oldfield Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our new topic for History this term, children in Year 5 and 6 are learning all about the Vikings. We have been exploring who the Vikings were, where they came from, how they travelled and the impact they had on Britain.

As part of our topic, we are asking your child to design and make their own model Viking longboat at home. We would like the children to think carefully about the features of a Viking longboat, including its long, narrow shape, sail, mast, oars, shields and decorated bow.

Suggested Materials

You do not need to buy special materials for this project. We encourage children to be creative and reuse materials they may already have at home.

Boat structure: cardboard, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, egg cartons or recycled packaging

Sail: paper, card, fabric or an old piece of material

Mast: wooden skewers, lolly sticks, straws or rolled-up cardboard

Oars: lolly sticks, straws, twigs or strips of cardboard

Shields: small circles of cardboard, bottle tops or thick paper

Viking figurehead: cardboard, modelling clay or papier-mâché

Decoration: paint, colouring pens, pencils, string, wool or coloured paper

Joining materials: glue, tape or child-safe craft materials

Children are encouraged to make their longboats as creative, detailed and historically accurate as possible. They may also label some of the important features of their Viking longboat.

Once the children have brought their longboats into school, Mr McCormack will judge the entries and select the best three models across Years 5 and 6. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Thank you for your continued support as we help the children develop their understanding of the past and bring their History learning to life.

Latest date to bring this in: Monday 2nd November 2026

Yours faithfully

Year 5 and 6 Team