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Year 4 Viking Workshops

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of our history learning, each Year 4 class will be taking part in an interactive half-day workshop run by the educators at Shrewsbury Museum. This will run on the 17th to 18th March 2026.

This will be an exciting beginning to our Vikings topic, leading on from their learning on the Anglo-Saxons last term.

What do we know about the Vikings? What is myth and what were the facts? This workshop will enable your child to learn about the Vikings who terrorised Britain between 793AD and 1066AD. We will recreate an archaeological dig, uncovering what the Vikings have left behind. The children will investigate the grave goods found with the body and learn which materials will have survived in the ground and which have rotted away. Using the clues, they will reimagine a scene in a Viking village, learning about the daily lives of these people, religion and much more. The children will learn about the mysterious Lewis Chessmen, now on display in the British museum, and how they were discovered on a remote island off Scotland. Also, as part of this two-hour workshop the children will handle artefacts from Shrewsbury Museum and finally create their own clay rune stone.

The cost of the workshop will be £4.65 per child; this is available to be paid for on Arbor in the trips section. The deadline for payment is 13.03.26. Under the requirements of the Education Reform Act 1988, we can only raise the cost of this activity by voluntary contributions. There is no obligation to contribute, and children will not be treated differently according to whether any contribution has been made. However, if insufficient funds are raised, unfortunately the workshop will be unable to take place.

We are very much looking forward to the experience.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Jones

Class 4 Teacher