

Dear Parents/Carers,

We will be holding a Viking day here in school for Brilliant Badgers on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

The children will take part in lots of activities based on our topic, The Vikings. In the morning, children will be walking to Coton Woods to re-enact a Viking battle. During the afternoon, we will make a model of a Viking longhouse and have an opportunity to taste some typical Viking food.

To get into the spirit of the day we will be asking children to come dressed as a Viking. Children will all have a Viking shield that they will make in school. Below you will find some ideas for a Viking costume, however please do not feel that you need to follow the costumes exactly as stated, it is for ideas only.

As we will be walking to Coton woods, please can you ensure children bring a pair of wellies and a warm suitable coat.

Kind regards,

Miss Popple and Mrs Thorne



**VIKING WARRIORS** Dressing as Viking warriors is easy! Use a brightly coloured adult "T" Shirt as an overshirt and a normal size T shirt underneath for an undershirt. Your trousers can be baggy or straight-legged. Wear a cloak and a furry hat if you want. Leg bindings are optional. These are very long lengths of material that are bound around your legs from your ankles to your knees. If you do wear leg bindings, make sure they are secure. To make realistic chain mail, use old onion bags. Spray them silver. It looks good and weighs much less than the real thing. You can get old onion bags from supermarkets and green-grocers shops. Wear a belt around your waist over the top of your chain mail or over your shirt.

**VIKING HELMET** To make a Viking Helmet, you will need to measure your head very carefully. Measure all the way around your head. Remember to write this measurement down. Then measure from the middle of your forehead over the top your head and from ear to ear. Using thin cardboard make a frame or cradle this size. Line your helmet with foil or thin card. The "spectacle" is optional, so is the point on the top. Paint your helmet black or grey.

**VIKING SWORDS** Vikings put decoration on everything, even the handles of swords. If making your sword from cardboard, see if you can make a handgrip. Please do not make your sword longer than 52cms. PLEASE NOTE! Only soft foam swords and swords made from cardboard will be allowed.