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Planning is ok I was initially really impressed with the plan, slides and resources.. However,I was a little disappointed that there were resources that were not included. Some of which were impossible to find. I could not locate the Chocolate Poem by Michael Rosen for lesson 2. If a plan is paid for I feel all resources should be included. The Vikings were good at making boats. Their dragonships and long boats had colourful, striking designs with intricate dragon heads mounted on the bow. This one wouldn't fare so well at sea, but its easy to make with a bit of corrugated card and some felt tips. It comes complete with seats and oars so your little Vikings can paddle their way to battle. Perfect as a school project! This is such an easy way to make a boat - all you need is an egg carton lid, and then when you've made the basic shape, you can turn it into any kind of sailboat or ship you want. We've gone for a Viking longboat - some Asterix influence I think! And an abundance of lollypop sticks helped too... They do make great oars. You will need: A large egg carton (dozen box) 6 popsicle sticks 8 similar sized bottle tops (different colours is possible) Sheet of plain A4 paper Kebab stick Some old modelling clay Scissors Craft glue Strong glue (like UHU) Paint Red marker or felt tip pen Black marker pen Nail scissors (to be used by a grown up) 1. If there's paper on the lid top, remove as much of it as you can. Use a pencil to make two marks inside the lid, about 8cm/3in. from either end, and in the middle. 2. Cut out a long thinnish triangle up to your mark, at both ends. 3. You're really looking to cut away any bumpy, moulded cardboard bits that you often find at the ends of the egg carton lid (see below). 4. Next, carefully cut straight across the lid from the end of the triangle, right into the curvy edge. Do this on both sides and at both ends. 5. Then the fun bit, you simply tuck the pieces you've cut behind the central part of your boat (or in front, which ever works best), and pull the ends together, so they overlap and fit together. Trim if you want to neaten the overlap, but hopefully they should be a pretty snug fit. You could use sticky tape, or use glue. A glue gun would be quick - we just used PVA craft glue and some clothes pegs (or paper clips) to hold it all in place while the glue dried. 6. For the raised ends of the boat, cut out an egg carton cone and neaten around the bottom edge, then cut in half, longways. 7. Flatten out the bottom part of the cut cone, and glue to the ends of the boat, so they sit high, above the boat edge. Press and mould to the curved shape of the bow and stern. Hold in place with pegs or paper clips while the glue dries. 8. For the dragon figurehead, cut out another egg carton cone and trim around the bottom edge so it's about 3cm/1in. Draw a pencil line across one side, roughly a cm from the bottom edge, then join the ends of this line to the bottom corners below, with a diagonal line. Cut along the pencil line. 9. On the longer side, draw a V from one corner to the other and cut out. 10. You can draw the details on after painting, or cut out a mouth if you prefer. This is best done by an adult with small sharp scissors. Brush glue inside the bottom part of the figurehead and glue to one end of the boat. Leave pointing up while it dries (use a peg or paper clip again) Then bend down into place when dry. 11. For the mast, cut out an egg carton cup and neaten around the edge so it sits flat. Make a very small hole on top in the middle, and place a ball of modelling clay underneath. Press the skewer stick through the hole and into the clay. Don't glue the mast into the boat yet. 12. Paint the boat, mast and the six popsicle oars brown. While they're drying, make the sail. Trim a piece of plain A4 paper so it's about 20cm/8in. by 25cm/10in. We drew red strips with a marker pen, but you can obviously paint or colour-in your sail anyway you like. 13. Make very small holes a few cms from the top and bottom of the sail, roughly in the middle (you don't want the holes to be too big or the sail won't stay up). When the paint is dry on the mast, slot the sail on. 14. For the flag, fold over a small piece of spare paper and cut out a long thin triangle shape. Decorate and colour in as you like, then brush glue inside and wrap around the top of the mast. While the glue is drying, bend the flag so it looks like it's flapping in the wind. 15. For the shields, decide where you want your bottle tops to go - we put four on each side - and lightly draw around them with a pencil on the sides of the boat. In-between these, mark diagonal lines, where the 3 oars will go on each side. Pierce through the oar lines with something like nail scissors and cut along the slots (this should be done by an adult - placing an old piece of modelling clay behind the slot helps when you're piercing through the sides.) Push the oars into place. 16. Cut out thin strips of paper and glue crosses to the top of the bottle lids, before sticking them to the sides of the boat. Use stronger glue for this, like UHU, or a glue gun if you have one. You can glue the mast down too, though the modelling clay will hopefully stop it from falling over. Use a black marker pen to add details to the dragon figurehead. On the blog today is an activity that Freddie’s school set him to make as part of his history lessons now we’re homeschooling: How to make a viking longboat craft. I’m not going to lie- this was something that required a fair bit of adult input as some of the aspects of it are quite fiddly, but it was actually quite a fun thing to do together and there are still plenty of elements that the child can take full ownership of. When it comes to how to make a viking longboat, it’s just adults required for some of the putting together! You will need Brown cardboard (we used an old Amazon box) A longboat template (it’s very easy to draw your own on paper) Wooden skewers or even toothpicks White card Colouring pens/pencils Pencil Ruler Tape Scissors Ball of White Tack How to make a viking longboat – craft On the cardboard, use your template to draw around (so you have two sides and a base that join together, see picture). Also cut out 8 little oar heads for the viking ship craft, and 4 ‘seats’ that are strips of cardboard about 1cm in width and 8 cm in length so that you can fold over roughly 2cm each end when you join them to your boat by sticking with tape (more on that shortly). 2. Then get your child to colour in their viking ship’s ‘heads’ before you construct and tape your boat into what will be its finished shape. 3. Your child can also then make the colourful shields to stick on either side of their boat – usually 3 per side. 4. To make the seats for the boat, fold over the strips of cardboard 2cm each end. Tape them down on one side of the boat, before joining them to the other side and also taping them (see photo).   5. To make the oars for your viking longboat craft, stick your little cardboard oar heads to your cocktail sticks using some tape, and then carefully pierce the cardboard in 4 places on each side and feed the oars through. 6. Lastly, your child can make a sail for their viking ship craft by cutting out a square and colouring it red and white striped. Tape the sail to a wooden skewer, and stick to the bottom of your boat with white tack. And there you have it, your very own Viking Longboat or Viking ship craft! As I said before, if you’re looking at how to make a viking longboat, this guide is a great one to do together, and is something that can be a fun way of supporting the curriculum (especially if you have a year 4 child). We also found some great other resources for learning about Vikings on Twinkl. Enjoyed this ‘how to make a viking longboat’ craft? See more of my crafts and activities for kids