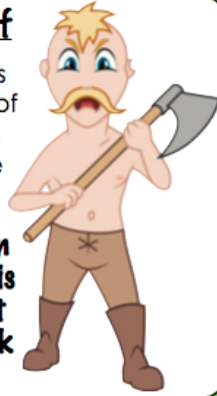


History -

Read the Viking story of Beowulf

The Vikings told many stories known as sagas. One of the most famous is that of Beowulf which was eventually written down by an Anglo-Saxon monk in the 10th century.

Read the story of Beowulf. What can you find out about Viking life from this story and what does the fact that it was written by an Anglo-Saxon monk tell you about England at the time?



Use Active Learn to read about Beowulf.

Use Viking runes to write messages

The Vikings who came over from Scandinavia used a set of symbols called runes to write. Each symbol represented a sound, just like our alphabet.

Can you translate Viking runes into English, then use the letters to create your own secret messages for a friend to translate?



Explore the excavation of Coppergate

In the 1970s and 1980s, archaeologists carried out excavations at Coppergate in York. York, known as Jorvik, is thought to be the centre of Viking life in England.

Can you find out about the Coppergate excavations? See if you can establish what was found, why objects were preserved so well and what this tells us about Viking life in England.

