

Ideas for Home Learning

Please choose from the following activities and investigations– of course you are welcome to devise your own based on our topic. You are expected to complete one every other week and bring it into school on a Tuesday so that we can add it to your homework book and share it with others.

- Talk to your parents or grandparents about what they remember learning at school about the Battle of Hastings and 1066. Can they recall the key dates and information? If they are struggling, tell them all you know!
- Create a digital presentation with interesting facts about 1066 to share with other classes.
- Make your own life-size 1066 soldier! Download online images of Norman or Anglo-Saxon soldiers and look in detail at their armour. Ask someone to draw around your body outline on a piece of large paper, such as wallpaper. Cut this out and draw the soldier's face, then create armour using collage materials. Milk bottle tops or circles of tin foil would create a chain mail effect. Use card from junk boxes to create a shield and sword, then paint them.
- At least two of the Bayeux Tapestry panels went missing. These might have shown King William's coronation. Draw what these panels could have looked like, in the same style and colours as the original tapestry.
- Write a diary entry, as if you are King Harold in the days leading up to the Battle of Hastings. How are you feeling? What are your hopes and concerns?
- Find out about the types of shields used at the Battle of Hastings. Create a design for a shield. Will you use a kite or a round shape? Which colours and patterns will you use?
- Visit a castle or fort with your family. Take lots of pictures and tell your class about it on your return.
- Write a newspaper report all about the events of the Battle of Hastings. You could write it from the point of view of the Normans or the Saxons. Draw or download an image showing an important incident and include quotes from some of the key people involved.
- Using the Bayeux Tapestry as inspiration, design a new tapestry to show a story of your choosing. Remember to divide your story into panel sections.