**3/6/20 History/Vikings**

**♥My family Viking Life♥**

**♥ My mum ♥:**

My mum married my dad, it was good as they chose each other. Many other European women didn’t have this kind of independence. My mum and dad got married and had to say vows in front of each other, they also had people there to witness their marriage.

My mum makes woollen and linen clothes to make sure that everyone stays warm. She also cooks meals and cleans our house.

Whilst my dad is raiding or trading, my mum looks after the farm and the people that work on it. My mum worries about my dad as she never knows if he will return home as he may be killed in a war. My mum gets up very early as she has so much to do.

She wears a long tunic which is fastened by a pair of brooches.

We have a loom in our house, my mum spends a lot of time weaving.

**☻ Houses ☻:**

We live in a house made from wood and turf; we call them longhouses. They are rectangular in shape – this gives us and the animals enough room to live together. The animals up one end and us up the other end. To keep the wind and rain out our walls are made of wattle which is woven sticks covered in mud.

In our main room we have a cooking fire in the middle and the smoke escapes through a hole in the roof. We keep the fire burning all the time. To help my mum weave, we have stone lamps which uses fish liver oil. Around our house, we have a few rugs, one tapestry and a few shields.

We have benches to sit on and a few cushions filled with chicken feathers to make it more comfortable. There are wooden chests around which is where we store our more personal items.

**♥ Food ♥:**

We only eat twice a day. Our food is normally prepared on our cooking fire. We make bread and porridge out of oats, barley and rye. We eat a lot of fruit and vegetables as we grow it. We get eggs from our chickens and milk from our cows. Sometimes, we make cheese.

If we are lucky, we eat honey from the bees and pick fruit from our bushes.

To keep our meat and fish fresh we rub it with salt or smoke it.

If we have any honey left, we make a drink called mead.

**☻ Clothes ☻**

My dad wears tunics and trousers as they are practical so they keep him warm. Me and my mum use natural dye so that we can make our clothes colourful.

**♥ Jewellery ♥**

We wear Jewellery that is made from either bronze, Pewter or animal bones that we eat for dinner.

My dad wears a brooch on his right shoulder.

We also design our own Jewellery with the ideas from countries we visit.

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