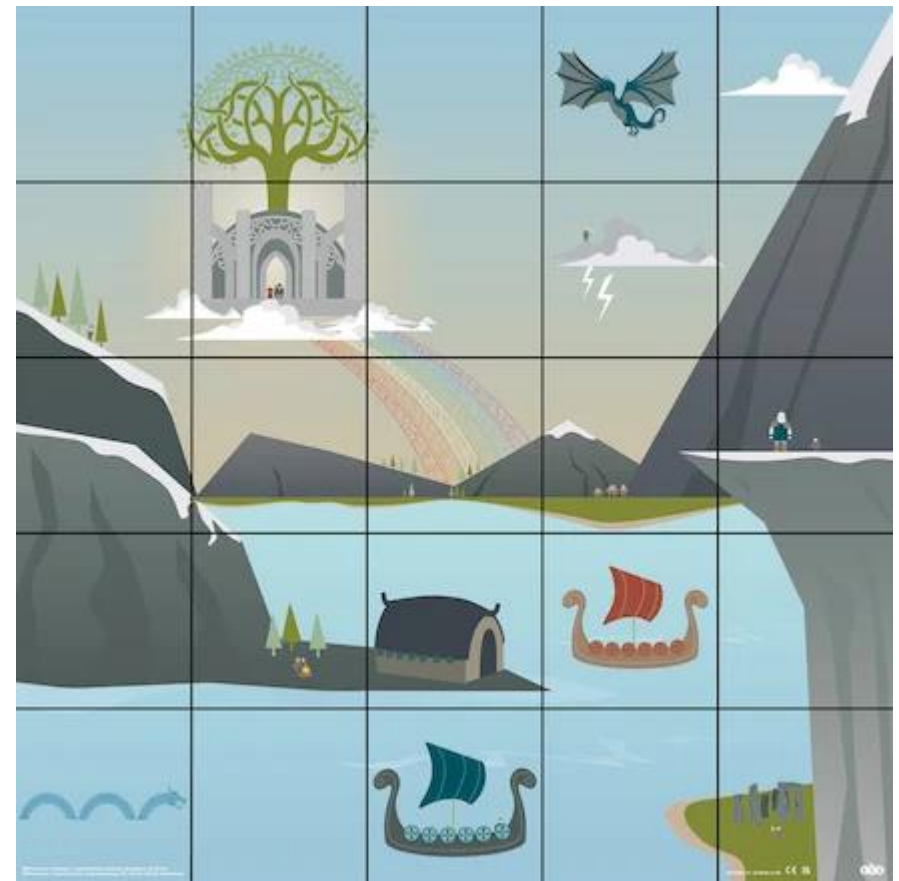


Viking Mat *Activity Ideas*



With many thanks to Bolton Schools ICT for sharing these activity ideas for using Loti-Bot with the Viking Mat.

You could adapt the activities to use with other robots, such as Bee-Bot or Blue-Bot.



Gods and Goddesses

The aim of this game is to match the name of the Viking god or goddess to the description to create a mini fact-file. The team with the most complete sets at the end of the game are the winners.

Activity:

- Place the names and descriptions around the Viking mat. You may wish to select some and then as children become more familiar add more as a challenge. You could also encourage children to research the gods and goddesses before the activity and find images of them to use in the session.
- The aim of the activity is for children to match the name with the fact-file.
- Unplugged activity – consider the route and discuss the algorithm.
- Program Loti-Bot to collect them from around the mat.
- If the match is correct, program Loti-Bot to make a happy sound, change the sidelights and complete a full turn.
- If the match is incorrect then program Loti-Bot to make a sad sound, change sidelights to a sad colour and complete a half turn left followed by a half turn right to make Loti shake her head.

Thor	God of thunder. He has a magical hammer which he uses to summon thunderbolts. Thursday is named after him.
Frey	God of fertility. His is the twin brother of the goddess Freya. He brings peace and good fortune to men as well as making crops grow.
Freya	Goddess of love, war and death. She rides in a chariot pulled by cats. Her twin brother is the god Frey.
Loki	God of mischief. He likes to play tricks on the other gods and make trouble.

Odin	God of warriors and battle. He is known as 'Woden' and Wednesday is named after him (Woden's Day).
Baldr	God of light and purity. He is so bright that light shines from him and he is so beautiful that flowers bow down to him.
Heimdall	The guardian god. He watches over the rainbow bridge to Asgard. He has strong hearing and sight and keeps watch for approaching enemies. He uses a horn to summon the other gods to fight.
Njord	God of the sea. Whenever he is sad, storms appear out of the sea. He is the father of Frey and Freya.

Skadi	Goddess of winter and hunting. She is a giantess who hunts in the mountains on skis.
Hel	Goddess of the underworld and daughter of Loki. She is greedy and cruel and watches over the dead who arrive and dwell in the underworld.
Sif	Goddess of the earth, homes and crops. She is the wife of Thor. Her golden hair represents the wheat fields which she helps to grow.
Frigg	Goddess of motherhood. She is the wife of Odin. Friday is named after her.

Tyr	God of single -handed combat. He has one hand after the other was bitten off by the giant wolf Fenrir. In Old English, he is known as 'Tiw' (pronounced t -yoo) and Tuesday is named after him.
Idun	Goddess of the spring, new life and youth. She carries a basket of apples which grant immortality and keeps the other gods youthful.
Vidar	God of vengeance and brother of Thor. He is very powerful and wears strong magical shoes to help him defeat his enemies.
Bragi	God of poetry, music and wisdom. He is known for his skill with words and travels between the worlds singing of peace and working together.

Archaeological Loti



Activity:

- Use Loti-Bot to visit places on the mat to explain what life was like as a Viking.
- You could use this as a research opportunity so when the children land on a particular square e.g. the Longboat, they must find out an interesting fact about it. Similarly, children could recall a fact they already know.
- Collate the information into a fact file about The Vikings or record on your History working wall.

Opportunities for discussion:

- Who were the Vikings?
- How did the Vikings change Britain?
- Why have the Vikings gained such a bad reputation?