

Spike's Object Activity

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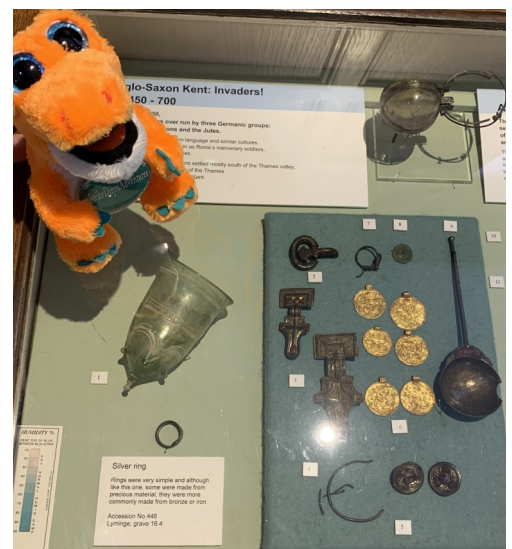
ARCHAEOLOGY; Anglo Saxon Treasure

Spike is interested in the Anglo Saxon objects that are on display in the Archaeology gallery. He has noticed that many of them are very small. He spotted that the buckles, and clasps, coins and brooches are intricately formed and decorated—some of them with garnets and coloured stones. The buckles and clasps were worn as fastenings on Anglo Saxon clothing and the brooches would hold a cloak in place as well as being decorative. The brooches were made from iron or bronze with an iron pin, and were worn in pairs on the shoulders. Many of the items on display were dug out of the ground, from Anglo Saxon grave sites around parts of Kent.

Activity; Today Spike would like you to make your own Anglo Saxon brooch. The next page has all the instructions. Remember some brooches are quite big as they held cloaks in place. Some were smaller and were simply decorative. You could make matching small and large ones. Or you could even make a set that you could stick over buttons on a shirt or top.

Don't forget to send us some pictures.

If you'd like more information about Anglo Saxons there are some videos and a learning pack on the website.



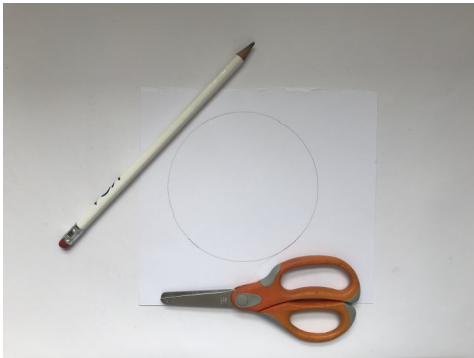
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Make your own Anglo Saxon Brooch



Step 1. Gather your materials. You will need some card, tin foil, some string, glue, scissors and a pencil.



Step 2. Draw a circle on the piece of card and cut it out.



Step 3. Use glue to stick the string on to the card to create a pattern.



Step 4. Wrap foil around the card, then gently smooth it down so the pattern shows through. You can also use pens and scrap card to decorate. Glue a wooden peg or tape a safety pin to the back to attach it to your clothing.



Step 5. You have finished your brooch. Don't forget to share what you have created with us **#SpikeDinosAdventures**