Sculptures with Personality, Inspired by Anglo Saxon Houses

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Sculpture Inspired by Anglo Saxon Houses

This resource shares a 3 hour session with Year 6 children from Barton Church of England Primary School. Children were studying the Anglo Saxons and we thought it would be a good

opportunity to explore making skills.

Rather than recreate a model of an Anglo Saxon village, we decided to invite the children to "make sculptures inspired by" an Anglo Saxon Village.

Making "sculptures" rather than "models" enabled the children to grow their ideas in individual directions, using the architecture of Anglo Saxon houses as a starting point, from which they could diverge. The emphasis was on how each child could feel enabled to make their own artwork, expressing their own personality. The session gave the children the opportunity to demonstrate not only their creativity, but also their resilience, and ability to embrace ideas and approaches which put the onus on them as explorers. They had to find their own answers to the questions which their making unearthed. This resource shares the journey and outcomes.

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