

Note interesting facts. These help the student make relevant connections in their daily life.

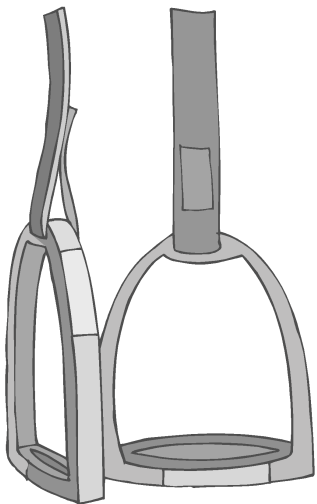


**Wodin**

**Even our names for the days of the week are influenced by the German settlers.** Tuesday comes from the German god Tiw. Wednesday is named after the god Wodin. Thursday is named after Thor and Friday is named after the goddess Freya.

In modern French pagan gods' names are used for days of the week, too, but they are Roman, not Germanic gods. However, in both French and English, we often use gods that had the same job. For example Tuesday is spelled "Mardi" in French, from the Roman warrior god Mars. And Tuesday in English comes from the German god Tiw, who was also a warrior god. See the table below:

English day of the week	German pagan god	The god's job	Roman pagan god	French day of the week
Tuesday	Tiw	Warrior	Mars	Mardi
Wednesday	Wodin	A great speaker and messenger	Mercury	Mercredi
Thursday	Thor	Thunder and lightning	Jupiter	Jeudi



**Early and modern stirrups**

#### 4. TECHNOLOGY

Roads are much more dangerous than in Roman times. There is more chaos and there are highway robbers. Many transport and trade routes go along river routes.

An important invention is called "stirrups". This invention comes from Asia. These are foot straps that help keep you on a horse.