



Cartoonist James Foley works with East Carnarvon students last Tuesday as part of a tour for Children's Book Week.

Artist brings home the Viking to Gascoyne kids

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A CARTOONIST and illustrator spent the week with Gascoyne school students last week as part of Children's Book Week, passing on valuable tips.

James Foley also spoke about his current project and book, *The Last Viking*, much to the delight of the girls and boys in the audience.

Foley, a Viking enthusiast who has been drawing since he could remember, travelled to Carnarvon from Perth last

Monday and spent a day at St Mary's School, before conducting workshops at the remaining primary schools where he demonstrated methods of drawing and showed off his natural creative ability and passion for the arts.

Foley and regional librarian Natalie Whitley continued the tour in Exmouth on Friday, before heading back to his homeland in Perth.

Ms Whitley said Foley's tour had gone well and it was good for the kids in Carnarvon especially to see a professional at

work. "The kids in Carnarvon don't get to see professional artists very often so it was good for them to be inspired by them," she said.

East Carnarvon Year 6/7 teacher Emily Brown said the students definitely enjoyed the workshop and were thoroughly engaged.

"Lots of the students love their artwork and it was good for them to see what can be achieved if they stick at it," she said.

To visit James Foley's website go to www.jamesfoley.com.au