**MEDIEVAL VIANA**

This model represents medieval Viana. It has been built by the students and teachers of Viana school. We have been working together for five years to rebuild the way Viana was during the Middle Ages.

The medieval town was founded by king Sancho the Strong from Navarre in 1219. He gave it a privilege for the new settlers and the royal shield representing an eagle. This is why Viana's privilege is called the Eagle's Privilege.

There were three very important buildings in the medieval time. The royal castle was at the same level as the city, separated by a moat. Saint Peter's Church was a fortress which protected the part of the city wall overlooking Castile. Saint Mary's Church protected the north wall.

The entire city was in a high, protected by walls and towers. The gates were a weak point of the wall and so they were protected by barbicans.

The famous Cesar Borgia died and was buried in Viana. Exiled in Rome, he got married to a King of Navarre’s sister. He was appointed general captain of the Navarre armies. He went to Viana to recover it for his king, Juan de Labrit. The town was controlled by the count of Lerin’s proCastilians. After attacking the town, he knocked down the walls, and then he conquered the whole city but the castle. He left Viana to chase the castle men and died in an ambush.

Cesar Borgia was buried in Navarre, in St. Mary’s Church altar with all the honours. But once Navarre was conquered by Castile, Calahorra’s bishop ordered that Borgia’s body was taken out of the church and buried in the street. Today a plaque next to the main gate remembers Cesar Borgia’s grave.