



WHO WERE THE VIKINGS AND WHAT IMPACT DID THEY HAVE ON BRITAIN?

Vocabulary

Craftsman

someone who is skilled at making things by hand

Dane

a native or inhabitant of Denmark

Danelaw

the part of England in which the laws of the Danes dominated those of the Anglo-Saxons

Law

rules followed by everyone living in a country or an area

Longship

a narrow wooden boat used by the Vikings

Monastery

a place where religious men, called monks, live together

Navigate

to find the right direction to travel by using maps or other methods

Old Norse

the language that was spoken by the Vikings

Raid

A sudden armed attack with the aim of causing damage rather than occupying any of the enemy's land

Rule

to control a country or an area

Runes - any of the characters of certain ancient alphabets



The name 'Viking' means 'a pirate raid' in Old Norse.

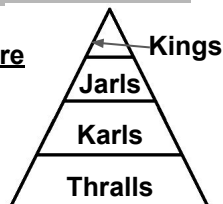
We are learning to:

- Use chronological order
- To compare
- To ask and answer questions
- To use and interpret a range of sources

PRIOR LEARNING

- What invasion is
- About Anglo-Saxon life and the changes from Roman times
- About leadership/rule of the lands of Britain
- Religious beliefs of the times

Viking Social Structure



Kings of England

Aethelstan 924 - 939 (927 - 939 King of England)	5 Anglo-Saxon Kings 939-978	Æthelred the Unready 978-1013	Sweyn 1013-1014 (Danish King)	Æthelred the Unready 1014-1016	Canute 1016-1035 (Danish King)	- Harold Harefoot - Harthacnut 1016-1035	Edward the Confessor 1042-1066
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789

First recorded Viking attack happens in Dorset

793

Attack the monastery of Lindisfarne

843

Viking fleet defeated by Athelstan (King of Kent)

867

Viking 'Great Army' capture York - rename it Yorbik - Viking capital of England

871

Viking armies and the Kingdom of Wessex fight multiple bloody battles - no winner

878

Vikings conquer Wessex. Alfred defeats Viking King Guthrum

886

Danelaw created separating it from the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms

900 - 950

English recapture Danelaw. Danes settle in Britain as peaceful farmers.

980

Viking raids resume

1016

King Canute - King of England, Denmark and Norway

OUR LESSONS

- Who were the Vikings, where did come from and why did they invade Britain?
- Why and how did the Vikings raid and what was like for a Viking warrior?
- What can we learn about Viking life from artefacts?
- What were the religious beliefs and practices of the Vikings?
- What were the consequences of the Viking invasion?

Viking warriors

Unlike Roman or modern soldiers, Viking warriors weren't provided with a uniform or equipment, they had to dress and arm themselves.

Viking weapons

Fighting was an important part of Viking life so every man would have owned weapons.

Karls - spears and knives.

Kings and jarls - swords and large axes.

Weapons would have been handed down through the family or the warriors would have been buried with them.

Viking Longship

