



Topic: The Vikings

Spring 2 Year 6

Invasion

- The Vikings were around the same time as the Anglo-Saxons. They attempted to take Britain from them with their raids.
- Vikings travelled to England on Longboats.
- Vikings raided many places and this sealed their reputation as violent and dangerous raiders.
- King Alfred signed a treaty with the Vikings in 886AD. Alfred gave the Vikings the land to the east. This became known as Danelaw.
- 22,000kg of silver had been given to the Vikings in Danegeld. But they still had not left for good.

In 793 AD, the Vikings raided the monastery at Lindisfarne. They killed, stole and took what they found back to Scandinavia.



The Vikings came from the countries we now call Norway, Sweden and Denmark. This area was known as Scandinavia.

Vocabulary you will know...

Longship	A Viking ship used for fighting and carrying out raids.
Monastery	A place where people who have dedicated their lives to religion, such as monks or nuns live.
Monks	A member of a religious community.
Raiders	A person who attacks an enemy in their territory.
Settlers	A person who moves with a group of others to live in a new country.
Danelaw	The part of England given to the Vikings when a treaty was signed.
Danegeld	The money paid to the Vikings to stop the raids and violence.

Vocabulary you will hear...

Excavate, artefact, source, Norsemen

Settlements

- Following the raids, the Vikings settled in the UK. They settled here mainly due to the space to grow crops. This allowed them to trade for money.
- Excavations have been made across Lancashire, which lead us to believe Vikings may have settled here.

Quiz Corner

- 1) Which countries did the Vikings come from?
- 2) When did the Viking age begin?
- 3) When did they begin raiding places in England? Where did they target?
- 4) What did Vikings travel to Britain in? Give two facts.
- 5) True or False. Vikings settled in the places they raided in England.
- 6) Give one reason why Vikings looked to settle in other places.
- 7) Tell me what life was like for people during this time period.

Timeline

700AD	787AD	793AD	866AD	871AD	886AD	900AD	954AD	991AD	1016AD	1066AD
The Viking Age begins.	The first Viking raid in England.	Vikings raided Lindisfarne.	The Vikings capture York.	King Alfred removes Vikings from the south. Settle in the north and east.	A treaty is signed between King Alfred and the Vikings. Danelaw begins.	Vikings rule over northern Scotland.	Eric Bloodaxe, the last Viking King of Jorvick, is forced out of York.	Danegeld began to be paid to the Vikings.	First Viking King of England; King Canute of Denmark. End of Danegeld.	Battle of Hastings. William the Conqueror crowned king. End of Viking Age in England.

