

# The Vikings

## Year 4 Knowledge Organiser

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Vikings – AD 700 to AD 1100

**King Alfred the Great (AD 849-899)**  
Alfred did a lot of great things for England including defeating the Vikings in several battles and keeping part of England under Anglo-Saxon rule.

**Guthrum (AD 879-890)**

King of the Vikings in Danelaw at the time of the treaty with the Saxons.

**King Canute (AD 995-1035)**

Viking King of England, Denmark, and Norway.

**Odin**  
King of the Viking Gods.

**Thor**  
Viking God who was Odin's son.

**Loki**  
Became the adopted son of Odin. He was a frost giant before saving Odin's life and becoming a Viking God.



Viking Longship or Dragon ship.

**AD 700 - The Viking Age begins.**

**AD 793 - First invasion to Britain raiding monasteries on the coast, including Lindisfarne.**

**AD 866 - Danes capture York (which the Vikings called Jorvik) and make it their kingdom.**

**AD 876 - Vikings settle permanently in Britain.**

**AD 886 - King Alfred defeats the Vikings but allows them to settle in Eastern England.**

**AD 1001 - The Vikings land in America and establish a settlement.**

**AD 1014 - King Canute of Denmark becomes King of England.**

**AD 1066 - Battle of Hastings take place and William the conqueror is crowned King.**

**AD 1100 - End of the Viking age.**

**Anglo-Saxons:** The main group of people living in Britain when the Vikings invaded.

**Danelaw:** The area of England ruled by the Danish Vikings.

**Longboat:** A Viking ship with a sail and oars, also called a dragon-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.

**Pagan:** A person who believes in many gods.

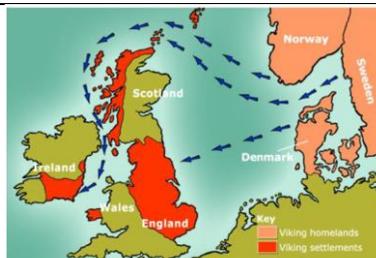
**Rune:** A letter from the alphabet used by Vikings.

**Trader:** A person who sells goods.

**Fjord:** A long, narrow inlet with steep sides or cliffs, created by a glacier.

**Freeman:** A person who is not a slave and free to choose who he or she worked for.

**Chieftain:** The leader of a village or small group of people.



The map shows how Vikings came to the British Isles

Viking countries: (Scandinavia)  
Norway, Sweden and Denmark.