

## Key Questions

Who were the Vikings?  
Where did they come from?

Why did they explore and invade?  
What impact did they have on Britain?

What happened after the Vikings?

**Prior Learning**  
What do I already know?  
What can I already do?

**New Sticky Knowledge**  
What will I learn?

**New Skills**  
What new skills will I develop?  
What will I learn to do?

How to order events.

How and why the Vikings explored.

To order people and events on a timeline.

Understand why events happen and the consequences of that event.

How and why the Vikings invaded places.

To ask questions about a period of time.

How the Roman Empire ended.

The impact of Viking invasions.  
What Viking settlements were like and where they were located.

To use source material to find out an event.

What happened at the Battle of Hastings.

To describe the impact of a past society on the local area

The countries of Northern Europe and their climate.

## Key Vocabulary

Anglo-Saxon  
Viking  
raid  
trade  
Invasion  
Wessex

Danelaw  
Danegeld  
exploration  
climate  
settlement

## Viking Life

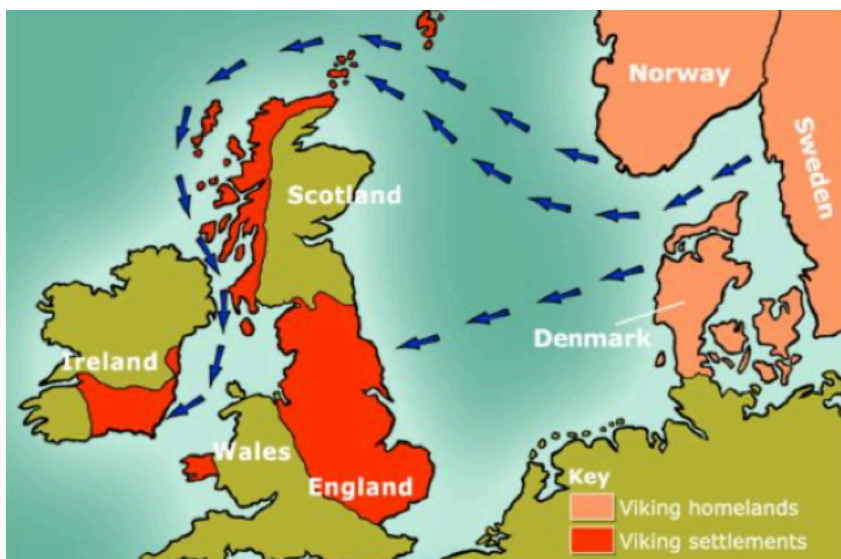
**Farms** - Vikings lived on farms and kept cows, pigs and sheep for milk, wool and meat.

**Houses** - Walls made of stone or wood. A straw roof. Wattle and daub (sticks and mud/dung) for the inside of the walls.

**Jewellery** - Worn to show off how rich a person was.

**Pagans** - Vikings arrived as **pagans** but eventually converted to Christianity.

**Sagas** - Vikings used rhyme to tell stories about adventures and battles against monsters.



## The Early Vikings

The Vikings came from the modern Scandinavian countries of Denmark, Norway and Sweden. They travelled in boats called **longships** and first arrived in Britain around AD 787. The Vikings **raided** places such as monasteries and **pillaged** expensive items to trade. They were looking for valuable goods like gold and jewels, imported foods and other useful materials.

The Vikings also wanted to claim land and tried to take over much of Britain. They **invaded** and settled in Scotland before heading south to places such as York. By AD 878 the Vikings had settled permanently in Britain.

