



Year 4 - The Viking Invaders



Crucial Knowledge

The Vikings invaded Britain in 793AD, during the Anglo-Saxon period.

The Vikings were warriors, explorers and sailors who travelled to Britain on boats called longships.

Once the Vikings settled, they became excellent farmers and fishermen who traded during the summer months.

The Vikings were from Northern Europe (Scandinavia: Norway, Sweden and Denmark).

The Vikings attacked the monasteries (a place where monks and nuns lived to worship God) for silver and gold.

The Viking and Anglo-Saxon period ended in 1066AD at the Battle of Hastings.

Villagers were forced to pay taxes to stop the Vikings from destroying their villages.

Extended Knowledge

The Vikings travelled all over the world and are said to be the first ones to discover North America.

The first Viking raid on England was in 793AD at the island of Lindisfarne.

Eventually, England was split into Danelaw (where the Vikings settled) and Wessex (where the Anglo-Saxons still had control).

King Alfred the Great signed a treaty (agreement) with the Vikings to keep Wessex safe.

Chronology

