

## Key facts:

- The Vikings came from Scandinavia; they travelled from Norway, Denmark and Sweden in longboats.
- The first place they raided was the monastery of Lindisfarne.
- The Vikings wrote in runes and they would use tools to carve the letters into stone, bone, wood and metal.
- The Vikings believed in many different Gods. The main ones being; Odin, Loki, Thor, Frey and Freya.
- Any place in England with name endings of; Toft, by, Thorpe and Gate, were once owned and conquered by the Vikings.
- Not all Vikings came to England to fight some of them came to work and trade.

## Year 5 Spring Term topic - The Vikings.

Key vocabulary	Definition
Invade	An armed force enters a country or region in order to occupy it
Conquer	To take control by military force.
Raider	To steal and cause damage and harm to others.
Trader	A person who buys and sells goods, currency or shares.
Craftsmen	A skilled worker
Longboat	A large boat which would be launched from a sailing ship
Settle	To live and take up residence.

Viking Timeline				AD 700: The Viking age begins.	AD 793: First invasion by the Vikings. They raided monasteries on the coast including Lindisfarne, off the coast of Northumbria.
AD 794: First raids on Scotland and Ireland.	AD 865: Great Viking army from Denmark invades England	AD 866: Danes capture York (which the Viking called Jorvik) and make it their kingdom (land ruled by a king)	AD 876: Vikings from Denmark, Norway and Sweden settle permanently in England.	AD 886: King Alfred the Great defeats the Vikings but allows them to settle in Eastern England.	
AD 954: Eric Bloodaxe, the last king of Jorvik, is thrown out of York	AD 1001: Vikings land in America and establish a settlement.	AD 1014: King Canute (Cnut) of Denmark becomes King of England.	AD 1066: Battle of Hastings occurred; William I (the Conqueror) crowned King of England.	AD 1100: End of the Viking age.	



## Important names:

**Alfred the Great** was king of Wessex and he successfully defended his kingdom from the Vikings attempt to conquest in 871 AD.



**Athelstan** – (Alfred's grandson) won back York.

**Ethelred the Unready** fled the country when the Vikings (lead by Sweyn Forkbeard) invaded in 1013 AD.



**Canute the Great** (Viking son of Sweyn) won the throne of England in 1016 AD.



**Edward the Confessor** lived in exile until 1041 AD and became king of England in 1042 AD.