



Year 4

Knowledge organiser

Viking Invaders

Timeline								
700AD	793AD	866AD	876AD	886AD	1001AD	1014AD	1066AD	1100AD
The Viking Age begins.	First Invasion of Britain—raiding monasteries on the coast.	Danes capture York (Jorvik) and make it their kingdom.	Vikings settle permanently in Britain.	King Alfred defeats the Vikings but allows them to settle in Eastern England.	Vikings land in America and establish a settlement.	King Canute of Denmark becomes King of England.	Battle of Hastings takes place and William the conqueror is crowned King.	End of the Viking age.

Key Vocabulary

Danegeld— “Paying the Dane”. King Ethelred paid the Vikings 4500kg of silver to go home but they kept returning and were paid 22,000kg of silver in Danegeld altogether.

exile—To be sent away.

invade—To enter and occupy land. kingdom
An area ruled by a king.

longship - A long, wooden, narrow boat used by the Vikings.

outlawed—Having all property taken away and no longer being able to live in the community.

pagans—A religion where many gods and goddesses are worshipped.

pillaged -To violently steal something.

raid -A surprise attack.

Wergild—A payment system used to settle disputes between a criminal and the victim or their family.

The Vikings (also known as **Norsemen**) came from three countries of **Scandinavia**: Denmark, Sweden and Norway. The name 'Viking' means 'a pirate raid'. People who went off raiding in ships were said to be 'going Viking'. Vikings sailed the seas on longboats raiding and taking over land.

Key Figures:

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.

King Canute (AD 995-1035): Viking King of England, Denmark and Norway.

William the Conqueror (AD 1028-1087): Became King of England in 1066 after winning in the Battle of Hastings.



Golden Threads

Society & Culture	How was Viking culture similar to and different from the Anglo-Saxons?
Leadership	Was Alfred the Great a successful leader against the Vikings?
Legacy	How did the Vikings improve sea travel ?
Invasion & Settlement	How did the Viking invasion help the Anglo-Saxons?
Religion & Belief	Why did Vikings in England convert to Christianity?
Economy	What was the link between power and money in Anglo-Saxon and Viking England?