

**Key questions:**

* Who were the Vikings – how do historians know about the Vikings?
* Which sort of historical source is most reliable?
* Where were the Vikings from?
* What made the Vikings successful?

**Legacy**

This topic will link to our **‘legacy’** driver, as we find out about the legacies that the Vikings left before us – with land, warfare and trade.

Year 5 Term 4: The Vikings





1100AD End of the Viking age

**Vocabulary**

**Monastery** A building where people worship and devote their time to God.

**Missionaries**  People sent to promote religions, especially Christianity.

**Scandinavia**  The area is made up of the countries: Denmark, Sweden and Norway.

**Settlement**  A place where people have come to live.

**Conquer**  To get something by force.

**Pagan**  A person who believes in many Gods.

**Kingdom**  A country whose ruler is a King or Queen.

**Runes**  Viking letters of the alphabet.

**Viking longship** A ship used by Vikings for raids.

**Danelaw**  The area in Britain the Vikings ruled.

**Realm**  Space or area.

**Ritual**  Ceremony of series of acts always performed in the same way.

**Treaty**  A written agreement between two states.

**Massacre**  Killing of many people.

**Beserker**  Terrifying Viking warriors.

**Valhalla**  The Vikings believe they go to this place after death

**Viking Raid** A surprise attack

**Knarr**  A Viking trading ship

**Danegeld**  Land tax to raise funds for protection against Vikings.

**Excavation**  To uncover by digging

**Archeologist** An expert who studies objects from the past

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| Key Facts and Dates | |
| Where do the Vikings fit into our timeline? | * AD410 – Romans left Britain * AD459 – Angles and Saxons invaded England * AD597 – Pope sent Augustine to spread Christianity * AD616 – King Ethelberht died (first Christian King) |
| Who were the Vikings? | * 787AD – First Viking attack on Britain * 793AD – Attack on Lindisforne * 876AD – Guthrum, Viking King, attacks Wessex * 878AD – Battle at Chippenham * 878AD – Peace Treaty between King Alfred & King Gunthrum |
| Who were the Viking Kings? | * 899AD – King Alfred died * 924AD – Athelston became King of Mercia * 927AD – Athelston conquered York * 928AD – Athelston became King of England * 937AD – Battle of Brunanbuch * 939AD – King Athelston died * 978AD – Aethelred became King * 1002AD – King Aethelred ordered all Danish men to be killed. * 1013AD – Swedish King, Sven, became King of England * 1016AD – Danish King, King Cnut became King of England * 1042AD – Edward the confessor became King of England and died January 1066 – Herald II became King of England * 1066AD – October – Battle of Hastings * 1066AD – Duke William of Normandy became King of England |