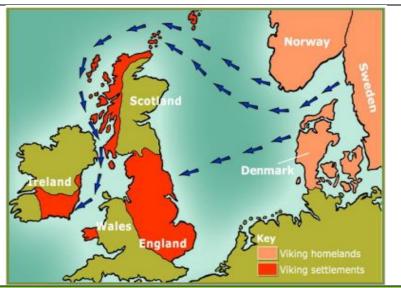
Boarshaw Community Primary School - History

Topic: Were the Vikings always victorious and vicious?

Year 6

What should I already know?

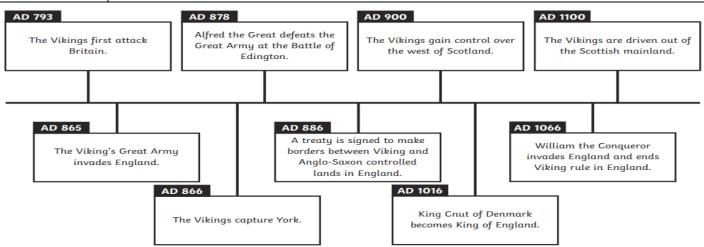
- Britain has a long history of being settled and conquered by invaders. Some of the most notable are the Romans.
- •These invaders and conquerors left behind traditions, technology and beliefs.
- Our culture has developed upon the beliefs, culture, technology and language of invaders and settlers.
- There is lots of evidence of the Vikings influence in our everyday life such as the names of the days of the week.



Key knowledge: what will I know at the end of this unit?

- Not all Vikings were warriors. Many came in peace and become farmers.
- The lands that the Vikings occupied were known as Danelaw.
- No Vikings wore horns in their helmets.
- Vikings spoke Norse, which had an alphabet made up of runes.
- Longships were designed to sail in both deep and shallow water so that they could get close to the shore and sail in rivers to get inland.
- Vikings were pagans and often raided monasteries, looting gold.
- The most important Viking British city was York, or Jorvik as it was known by the Vikings.

	Key vocabulary		
archaeologist	People who discover our history by looking at artefacts that have been found.		
raids	A sudden armed attack with the aim of causing damage rather than occupying any of the enemy's land.		
berserker	Warriors that went to war wearing wolf or bear skins. They were out of control and charged fearlessly. The word 'berserk' came from it.		
vicious	To be intentionally harmful or nasty. Vikings warriors were known to be vicious.		
longhouse	A large hall-like building where many Viking families would live together.		
longship	The narrow boat used by Vikings to raid along coasts.		
Scandinavia	The name given to a collection of countries: Denmark, Norway and Sweden.		
Odin	One of the most famous Viking Gods known for wisdom.		
Danelaw	The name given to lands in Britain occupied by the Vikings.		
misconception	This means mis-understanding. In Viking terms there were many misunderstandings about the Vikings.		
Jorvik	The Viking name for the city of York. York now has a famous Viking museum called Jorvik.		



Question	Start of unit	End of unit
Q1) Place these in order in which	Number the statements 1-4	Number the statements 1-4
they happened.		
King Alfred defeated the Vikings		
and allowed them to stay		
Vikings attacked and captured the city of York		
Vikings attacked Lindisfarne		
Battle of Hastings		
Q2) Which statements are true and which are false?	True	False
Vikings wore horns on their helmets.		
Many Vikings were farmers.		
Vikings were Christian.		
Most names for the days of the week originate from Vikings.		
Q3 Which part of the world did the Vikings originate?		
Q4 Give me an example of a source that tells us about life in Britain during the Viking era.		
Q5 What year did the Vikings settle in Britain permanently?		
Q6 Give 2 reasons why the Vikings raided Britain.		
Q7 What was the name given to the land the Vikings occupied in Britain?		