

# Scott Primary School—History Knowledge Organiser



## Topic: Vikings

## Year 5—Autumn 1



### Key Vocabulary

Anglo-Saxons	The main group of people living in Britain when Vikings invaded
Danelaw	The area in Britain that Danish Kings ruled over
Longship	A Viking ship used for fighting and carrying out raids
Pagan	A person who believes in many gods
Rune	A letter from the alphabet used by Vikings
Chieftain	The leader of a small village or group of people
Exile	To be sent away
Invalidate	To enter and occupy land
Raid	A surprise attack.
Wergild	A payment used to settle disputes between a criminal and the victim or their family.
Outlawed	Having all property taken away and no longer being able to live in the community.

### Important Facts

The Vikings came from the modern Scandinavian countries of Denmark, Norway, and Sweden.

They travelled in boats called longships and first arrived in Britain around AD 787.

The Vikings raided places such as monasteries and pillaged expensive items to trade. They were looking for valuable goods like gold and jewels, imported foods and other useful materials.

The Vikings also wanted to claim land and tried to take over much of Britain.

They invaded and settled in Scotland before heading south to places such as York. By AD 878 the Vikings had settled permanently in Britain.

\*Understand what invading and settling is and the relationship between these.

\*Understand where the Vikings came from and how they travelled.

\*Understand the order of Viking raids and explain why they invaded monasteries.

\*Be able to discuss the following key figures: King Alfred the Great, Athelstan, Guthrum, King Canute, Edward the Confessor and William the Conqueror.

\*Know the Viking age began in AD 700.

\*Know that in AD 793– the first invasion to Britain occurred, raiding monasteries on the coast, including Lindisfarne

\*Know that the Viking Era ended in AD 1100.



### Timeline

#### Previous Knowledge

The kings of Anglo-Saxon Britain each ruled their own kingdom. When the Anglo-Saxons first settled in Britain, there were seven kingdoms, but by AD 878 there was just one kingdom left (Wessex) as the others had been overrun by the Vikings. Many Anglo-Saxon kings tried to resist the Vikings and fought hard to keep control of their land. King Alfred the Great was the best known Anglo-Saxon king and the first to defeat the Vikings in battle.



AD 700  
Viking age begins

AD 866  
Danes capture York and make it their Kingdom.

AD 886  
King Alfred defeats the Vikings but allows them to settle in Eastern England

AD 1014  
King Canute of Denmark becomes King of England

AD 1100  
End of Viking age

AD 793  
First invasion to Britain raiding monasteries on the coast, including Lindisfarne.

AD 876  
Vikings settle permanently in Britain.

AD 1001  
Vikings land in America and establish a settlement

AD 1066  
Battle of Hastings takes place and William the Conqueror is crowned King.