



History focus	Vikings	Year 5	Spring Term
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What? (Key knowledge)

Key Individuals

King Alfred	King of Wessex from 871 to 899, defended Wessex from the Viking conquest.
Athelstan	First King to unite English kingdoms, 927
Guthrum	King of the Vikings in Danelaw at the time of the treaty with the Saxons.
Edward the Confessor	Penultimate Saxon King of England.

Viking Longships

Appearance	The front of the ship would have a carved figure head to scar off enemies.
Speed	They were long and narrow for travelling quickly through the water.
Protection	The Vikings men's shields were tied over the oars holes to protect men and women in battle.
Room	Typically enough room for 50-60 people. Eating and sleeping were done on deck.

Viking Life

Farms	Vikings lived on farms and kept cows, pigs and sheep for milk, wool and meat.
Houses	Walls made of stone or wood straw roof. Wattle and daub (sticks and mud/dung) for the inside of the walls
Jewellery	Worn to show off how rich a person was..
Pagans	Vikings arrived as pagans but eventually converted to Christianity.
Sagas	Vikings used rhyme to tell stories about battles against monsters.

What? (Key Vocabulary)

Exile	To be sent away
invade	To enter and occupy land
Kingdom	An area ruled by a King
Longship	A long, wooden Viking warship
Pagan	A person who believes in many gods
Raid	A surprise attack
Runes	The Viking alphabet
Danelaw	Areas in Britain ruled by the Vikings

Diagrams and symbols

This map shows how the Vikings came to the British Isles and where they settled.



Key
■ Viking homelands
■ Viking settlements

Possible experiences

- Reading and retelling famous Viking sagas
- Researching and creating Viking weaponry out of modroc
- Designing Viking longship prows
- Take part in a Viking Raid (Tatton Park Experience)

AD 700 - Viking Age begins	AD 793 - Britain invaded	AD 866 - Danes capture York	AD 886 - King Alfred defeats Vikings	AD 1066 - Battle of Hastings	AD 1100 - End of Viking Era
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