



Rotherhithe Primary School	History Knowledge Organiser	Vikings	Year 4
Key words		Key facts	
<p>Invaders: A person or group that invades a country, region or other places.</p> <p>Scandinavia: A group of culturally related countries in Northern Europe.</p> <p>Monastery: A building where monks live under religious vows.</p> <p>Conquer: To overcome and take control of a place or people, by military force.</p> <p>Danelaw: The area of England ruled by the Vikings.</p> <p>Dragon-ship: A Viking longship ornamented with a beaked prow.</p> <p>Longships: Longships were seagoing vessels made and used for trade, exploring, and raiding. They were used by early people on the Baltic Sea and the North Sea.</p> <p>Raid: A surprise attack on an enemy by troops, aircraft or other armed force.</p> <p>Settlement : A place, typically previously inhabited, where people established a community.</p>		<p>The Viking age began more than 1200 years ago.</p> <p>AD 793 The first invasion by the Vikings.</p> <p>The Vikings came from 3 countries, Denmark, Sweden and Norway.</p> <p>During this period many Vikings travelled by longboat to other countries like Britain and Ireland.</p> <p>The Vikings raided the local people, stealing from churches and burning buildings to the ground.</p> <p>Traditional Viking families had men working the land, with a wife taking care of the home and of the family valuables.</p> <p>Vikings spoke the Norse language. Lots of English words that begin with sk come from the Norse language. like skirt, skill</p> <p>Vikings houses were built from locally built materials such as wood, stone, or turf. They were long and rectangular.</p> <p>Not all Vikings were bad. Some settled as farmers, kept animals and grew crops. They were skilful at crafting, and made beautiful metalwork and wooden carvings.</p> <p>Vikings sailed the seas, trading goods to buy silver, silks, spices, wine, jewellery, glass and pottery to bring back to their homes.</p> <p>Vikings believed that there were lots of different gods. The most popular God was Thor.</p>	
Timeline		Map of Invasion	
<p>15000-2500 Stone Age BC</p> <p>→ Roman Britain 43 AD</p> <p>→ Anglo-Saxons 450 AD</p> <p>→ Vikings. 793AD</p> 			

Quiz

1. When did the Vikings invade Britain?

A) 1066 BC B) AD793 c) AD 450

2) What countries did the Vikings travel from ?

A) America and Canada B) Russia C) Denmark, Sweden ,Norway

3) What was the name of Viking ships?

A) Wideships B) Longships C) Shortships

4) Which King of Wessex was "Great"?

A) Edmund B) Edward C) Alfred

5) Which material was NOT used to build a Viking home?

A) Steel B) Stone C) Turf blocks

6) What language did the Vikings speak?

A) Scottish B) English C) Norse

7) Vikings were raiders and settlers.

True or false

8) What jobs did the Vikings do when settled in a village?

A) Farming and growing crops B) Watched television C) Cooking

9) What did the Vikings use to fight?

A) Swords and axes B) Ships C) Sticks