



Knowledge Organiser: Year 4 How vicious were the Vikings?

Key Vocabulary

Raid: A sudden attack which aims to damage property rather than invade or settle the land.

Berserkers: Warriors that went to war wearing wolf or bear skins. They were out of control and charged fearlessly. The word 'berserk' came from it.

Scandinavia: The name given to the countries of Norway, Denmark, and Sweden.

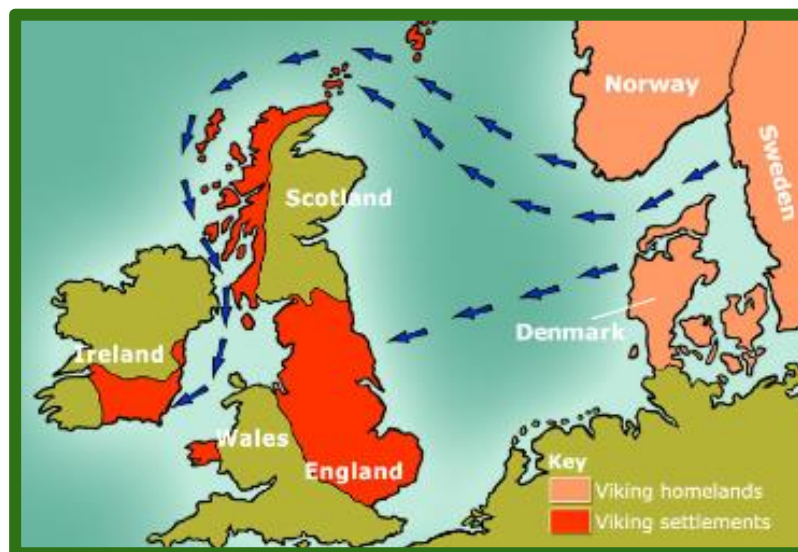
Monastery: A building or group of buildings which that monks live and worship God in.

Longhouse: A large, long building which many families lived in together.

Danelaw: The name given to the parts of Britain ruled by the Vikings

Sticky Knowledge

- The first Viking raid was in 793AD. It was in Lindisfarne.
- When they arrived, they fought the Anglo-Saxons for control. Eventually they shared the land between them.
- The names for most of the days of the week originate from Vikings. Monday – linked to the moon by the name 'Mani' which is Norse for Moon. Tuesday named after the Viking God of War – Tyr. Wednesday – named after Odin and known as Woden's Day. Thursday – named after Thor, the God of thunder.
- The Vikings originated from the Scandinavian countries.
- Not all Vikings were warriors. Some were farmers and came in peace.
- 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.
- The most important Viking city was York, which they called Jorvik.



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