



**What should I already know?**

- Britain was invaded and settled by people from other countries e.g. Romans.
- These people had different beliefs to our own e.g. paganism.
- Our culture has developed upon the beliefs, culture, technology and language of invaders and settlers.

**Historical Enquiry**

- Explain the chronology of where the Vikings fit into British history.
- Use atlases and maps to identify where the Vikings came from and settled.
- Compare the lifestyles within Viking settlements e.g. the role of the chieftain compared to the role of the slave.
- Explain how Vikings adapted fighting techniques to conquer as well as subdue.
- Analyse the relationship between the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons.
- Explain the Viking legacy on British culture.

**What will I know by the end of the unit?**

- When, where and why the Vikings invaded and settled in Britain.
- How the Vikings fit into the chronology of British history.
- Who were the 'celebrities' in Viking history e.g. Erik the Red.
- What life was like in Viking settlements e.g. the role of Chieftans, Jarls, Karls and Thralls.
- How Vikings influenced British culture through trade with other countries e.g. Spices and silks from the Middle East.
- Where Vikings explored around the world e.g. the discovery of Vinland, Groenland.
- How the Vikings fought and conquered new territory e.g. weapons and tactics.
- What gods the Vikings believed in and the concept of Valhalla.
- The relationship between Vikings and Anglo-Saxons e.g. Danelaw.
- The defeat of the Vikings by Harold Godwinson and the link to Battle of Hastings.
- The defeat of the Anglo Saxons in 1066.
- Why Alfred was given the title 'The Great'.
- The Vikings did not die out after 1066.

**Vocabulary**

<b>Anglo Saxon</b>	A Germanic inhabitant of England between the 5th century and the Norman Conquest.
<b>Berserker</b>	An ancient Norse warrior who fought with wild or uncontrolled ferocity.
<b>Danelaw</b>	Historical name given to the part of England where Vikings dominated Anglo-Saxons.
<b>explorer</b>	A person who explores a new or unfamiliar area.
<b>invader</b>	A person or group that invades a country, region, or other place.
<b>knarr</b>	A Viking ship for trading.
<b>longhouse</b>	A large communal house in Viking settlements.
<b>longship</b>	A long, narrow warship, powered by both oar and sail with many rowers.
<b>monastery</b>	A building or buildings occupied by a community of monks living under religious vows.
<b>mythology</b>	A collection of beliefs based around a religion.
<b>Norsemen</b>	The name given to Viking raiders by the Anglo-Saxons.
<b>pagan</b>	A person who believes in more than one god, or no god at all.
<b>rune</b>	Letters of the Viking alphabet.
<b>saga</b>	A long story of heroic achievement, especially a medieval prose narrative in Old Norse.
<b>Scandinavia</b>	Group of countries in northern Europe that includes Denmark, Norway and Sweden.
<b>settlement</b>	A place, typically one which has previously been uninhabited, where people establish a community.
<b>Viking</b>	Any of the Scandinavian seafaring pirates and traders who raided and settled in many parts of north-western Europe in the 8th-11th centuries.

**Diagrams / Maps / Images**

