



YEAR 4: History
Changes in Britain- The Vikings.



- What I should already know:**
- History is studying something that has happened in the past.
 - What a timeline is used for.
 - That the Anglo-Saxons invaded Britain in 450AD.
 - That an invasion is when a group of people take over an area of land.

- At the end of this topic, I will know:**
- That the Vikings carried out raids and invaded.
 - Where the Vikings came from.
 - That the Vikings struggled for land.
 - About Viking invasions and Dane-law.
 - How to put the Vikings on a time-line.
 - About Edward the Confessor's death in 1066.



Key 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

Farms - Vikings lived on farms and kept cows, pigs and sheep for milk, wool and meat.

Houses - Walls made of stone or wood. A straw roof. Wattle and daub (sticks and mud/dung) for the inside of the walls.

Vocabulary	
Artefact	An object from the past.
Archaeologist	A person who studies history by looking at artefacts.
Berserkers	Warriors that went to war wearing wolf or bear skins. They were out of control. The word 'berserk' comes from this.
Coast	The part of land near the sea.
Danelaw	The name given to lands in Britain occupied by the Vikings.
Historian	An expert in history.
Invaders	A person or group that takes over an area.
Longship	A long, narrow boat used by Vikings to raid along the coast.
Meols	An area in Wirral where the Vikings Settled.
Raid	A sudden armed attack with the aim of causing damage rather than occupying the enemy's land.
Runes	A type of alphabet used.
Settlers	A person who moves with a group of others to live in a new country or area.
Shield	A piece of metal used for protection
Struggle	To try and get free from something with great effort or force