



History Year 5

Summer 1-

Vikings



Scandinavian countries on the map.

Key Facts

- The Vikings came from Norway, Sweden and Denmark.
- They invaded Russia, Iceland and Northern France.
- They travelled over the sea in longships, which are long, narrow wooden boats that could be sailed in both deep and shallow water.
- The Vikings left their homeland because they were looking for money as well as better land to farm on.
- Vikings were farmers. They planted vegetables and kept animals.
- The Vikings first attacked Britain in 787 CE, but didn't start to invade and settle here until 793 CE.
- Viking warriors fought using long swords and axes.
- Vikings traded items like honey, wheat, wool, wood and iron for goods like silver, silk, spices and jewellery.
- Vikings were Pagans.
- In 878 CE, **King Alfred the Great** defeated the Vikings in battle and gave them a part of England.

Vocabulary

Word	Definition
longship	A Viking ship with a sail and oars, also called a dragon-ship
invade	To enter as an enemy by force.
trade	Buying and selling goods and services we want and need.
Scandinavian countries	Norway, Denmark and Sweden.
raid	A rapid surprise attack on an enemy.
pagan	A person who believed in many gods
warrior	A person who fights in battle.
settle	To go and live somewhere permanently.



A Viking longship.



Viking life.

