

Subject Specific Vocabulary

archaeologist	People who discover our history by looking at artefacts that have been found.
raids	A sudden armed attack with the aim of causing damage rather than occupying any of the enemy's land.
monks	A member of a religious community of men typically living un vows to their God.
longhouse	A large hall-like building where many Viking families would live together.
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.
longship	The narrow boat used by Vikings to raid along coasts.
Odin	One of the most famous Viking Gods known for wisdom.
Scandinavia	The name given to a collection of countries: Denmark, Norway and Sweden.
Danelaw	The name given to lands in Britain occupied by the Vikings.
Pagan	Someone who holds religious beliefs which are different to those of the main world religion
Jorvik	The Viking name for the city of York. York now has a famous Viking museum called Jorvik.

The Vikings!



Our history skills

- We can give reasons why there may be different points of view.
- We can understand that a timeline can be divided into BC (Before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini)
- We can order significant events, movements and dates on a timeline.
- We can choose reliable sources of information to find out about the past.

Sticky Knowledge about the Vikings

- Not all Vikings were warriors. Many came in peace and become farmers.
- The lands that the Vikings occupied were known as Danelaw.
- The Vikings first attacked the monastery at Lindisfarne on Holy Island
- 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.
- Vikings were pagans and often raided monasteries, looting gold.
- The most important Viking British city was York, or Jorvik as it was known by the Vikings.

Fun fact

The names for most of the days of the week originate from Vikings.

- Monday - linked to the moon by the name Mani - 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.