

The Vikings – Knowledge Organiser Year 4 Autumn 1

Vocabulary		Timeline		
Norsemen	Another name for a Viking.			
Raid	When soldiers raid a place, they make a surprise attack.			
Monastery	The building where monks live.			
Invasion	The instance of taking over a country or place using force.			
Berserker	A warrior or fighter who believed they were given superhuman powers by Odin (the God of war).			
Chieftain	The leader of a village or a small group of people.			
Trader	A person who buys and sells goods or materials.	Viking homelands and settlements	Key Dates	
Navigator	A person who directs a group of people from one place to another.		AD700	The Viking age begins.
Constantinople	An ancient city in Turkey that is now known as Istanbul.		AD793	First attack on England at a monastery on Lindisfarne.
Hearth	The floor of a fireplace.		860	Vikings attack Constantinople in Turkey.
Longhouse	A long, narrow, single room building where many families live together.		866	Large Viking force lands in England looking for land to settle on.
Descendant	A person who is related to you and who lives after you, such as your child or grandchild.		867	Vikings capture York and rebuild it as Jorvik.
Hoard	An archeological term for a collection of valuable objects or artefacts, sometimes purposely buried in the ground.		1066	The English King Harold is killed at the battle of Hastings. The leader of the Normans, William the Conqueror, becomes the King of England.
Iconography	The use of images and symbols to represent ideas and ways of life.		1100	End of the Viking age. Viking settlers become part of the local population.
		<p>Who were the Vikings? The Vikings, or Norsemen as they were often called, lived over 1000 years ago. They were Scandinavian people who lived in the countries we now call, Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Between the 8th and 11th century, the Vikings raided, explored and settled in new lands.</p>		