

## Year 5 History Topic –2020 – Vikings (Spring Term 2)



### What key facts and dates will we be learning?

#### **When did the Vikings exist?**

Approximately 800AD – 1066 AD

#### **Who were the Vikings?**

People remember the Vikings as violent raiders and invaders but they were also very skilled farmers, craftsmen and sailors. Some famous Vikings were Eric the Red and Leif Erikson.

#### **What was Viking farming like?**

Vikings kept animal livestock – chickens, pigs, cows etc which provided them with milk, eggs, meat furs and leather. They grew fruit, vegetables and grain to make bread and beer.

#### **Where did the Vikings travel to?**

They travelled to most countries in Europe, including Britain and further afield to North Africa, Asia and as far West as Newfoundland. Here they found spices, silk and among other things – slaves.

#### **Did Vikings follow any laws?**

A few times a year, Vikings gathered together to have a meeting called **The Thing**. Here they discussed important business matters and decided what to do with criminals.

#### **What did Vikings believe?**

Originally Vikings held strong pagan beliefs – worshipping a number of Gods, such as Odin God of war and Thor God of Thunder. When they started to settle in Britain, they gradually converted to Christianity.

### Key words:

**Anglo Saxon** – invaders and settlers in Britain (of German origin). 410 AD – 1066 AD

**Viking** – a sea faring pirate from 800AD – 1066 AD

**settlement** – a place where people establish a community to live

**trade** – buying and selling – the exchange of something for something else

**invade** – enter a country by force to take control

**empire** – a large group of countries with one controlling power

**monastery** – a building where religious monks live

**rune** – a letter belonging to a Viking alphabet

**Daneland** – land in Britain under Viking rule

**Danegeld** – a tax paid to Vikings by Anglo Saxons

**The Thing** – a Viking court of law

**pagan** – a person holding beliefs other than a main world religion

**navigate** – to find your way around

**flax** – a plant that can be woven into linen

**blacksmith** – a craftsman who works mainly with metal

**slave** – someone who is held prisoner and forced to work for no payment

**Lindisfarne** – the site of a famous and brutal Viking invasion of a monastery

**Longhouse** – A long narrow one-room building, made of wood, stone and grass, which Vikings lived in

### Vikings Year 5 Spring Term 2 Quiz

Circle the correct answer (there may be more than one):

	Question	A	B	C	D
1	When did the Vikings live?	600 AD	800 BC	900AD	800 AD
2	Which of these is an Anglo Saxon King, who tried to prevent the Viking invasion of Britain?	King Alfred	Eric the Red	King Henry	Leif Erikson
3	Which of these Vikings made weapons?	farmers	blacksmith	merchants	sailors
4	Which of these places did Vikings travel to?	Iceland	Britain	Mexico	China
5	What is a rune used for?	Money	A way of writing	Something to eat	jewellery
6	Vikings worshipped	Christian God	No Gods	Hindu Gods	Pagan Gods
7	The Vikings met to discuss matters of the law in ...	The place	The Longhouse	The Thing	The Court
8	Vikings lived in...	Squares houses	Longhouses	Narrow houses	Tall houses
9	Which of these were livestock used for?	Pets	Food	Clothes	Transport
10	A famous Viking battle occurred at	London	Lindfarm	Lindisfarne	Lincoln