

Prior knowledge: What they should

know

- Who ruled Britain before the Vikings (Anglo-Saxons).



Key knowledge: What children must know

- To know where the Vikings came from (Norway, Denmark and Sweden) and why they left.
- To know that Vikings were sailors who travelled across the northern Atlantic, European coasts to trade, raid or settle. They used Dragon ships to sail.
- To know that from around 860 AD onwards the Vikings began to settle in Britain, largely in Scotland and the north of England- Northumbria, East Anglia and parts of Mercia.
- To know that King Alfred (AKA- Alfred the Great) was King of Wessex from AD871 to 886 and King of the Anglo-Saxons from AD886 to 899. He fought several years battling Viking invasions.
- To know that King Alfred defeated the Vikings in the Battle of Edington in AD878 and divided England- the Saxons retain the west and the Vikings take on the east which becomes known as Danelaw.
- To know that the Vikings continued to make attempts to invade England resulting in many Danish kings- the most famous King Cnut, who respected Anglo-Saxon law and culture.
- To know that the final Viking invasion of England was in 1066 ending the struggle between the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons

Key Vocabulary

- Invasion
- Trade
- Dragon ships
- Raid
- Danelaw
- Struggle
- Treaty
- Danish
- Law
- divide
- AD/ CE
- BC/ BCE

Links to other subject areas:

- Geography