

Preston Primary School Knowledge Organiser

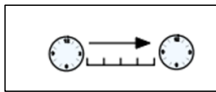
Topic: History - Did the Vikings have an empire?

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Year: Unit 3

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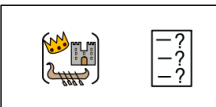
The Powerful Knowledge we will take away from this Learning Enquiry (what children will be learning):



Know that the Viking era lasted between 793 AD – 1066.
Know that 1066 was 955 years ago.



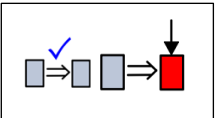
Explain that the Vikings were raiders who raided through England, Ireland, France and many other countries.
Know that the Vikings traded goods with other nations and often settled in settlements across the countries they travelled to.



Know, through evidence-based enquiry, that the Vikings never formed a formal empire as they did not have a single monarch that rules over all Viking settlements.

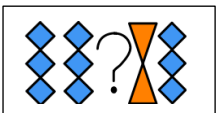


Know that the Vikings that settled Britain were pagan and worshipped many gods, which was different to the Anglo-Saxons who worshipped one God.



Know that the Vikings raided and settled because Scandinavia lacked natural resources that were treasured during their age (gold and farmland).

Know that the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons both originated from mainland Europe and settled in Britain.



Know that although the Vikings were pagan, many eventually converted to Christianity.

Our Key Vocabulary:

Word	Meaning
Empire	A group of countries ruled by one country and its monarch or government.
Settlements	A place where people establish a community
Raid	A rapid and surprise attack.
Invasion	An event where an armed force enters a foreign country.
Viking	A seafaring pirate that originated from one of the Scandinavian countries.
Anglo-Saxon	A community of people, originating from Germany, that settled in England.
Pagan	A Pagan is someone that follows a religion where they believe in more than one god.
Romans	The Romans settled in Britain before the Saxons arrived in the 5 th Century.
Celts	The Celts were the inhabitants of Britain before the Roman Empire settled.

Website links:

[Play Horrible Histories Viking Game: Raid and Trade | Primary Games | Fun Online Games for Kids | BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize](#)

[The Vikings – Years 3/4 and P4/5 History Collection - Home Learning with BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Why did the Vikings raid? - BBC Bitesize](#)

[The Anglo-Saxons - Year 3/4 - P4/5 - History Collection - Home Learning with BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize](#)

What I already know:

Children will know other events in history that have taken place: The Great Fire of London and the Roman occupation of Britain.

This is an example of Viking wood carving. The Vikings are known for raiding but they also produced intricate pieces of art that required lots of skill.



The Vikings were famous seafarers and their ships featured the most advanced technologies of the time. Their thin but strong hulls meant they could cross oceans and sail up rivers (making them perfect for raiding).



The originated from Scandinavia and raided Britain and Ireland. The pink areas show where they originated, and the red areas show where they settled.

