



# Vikings

Year 4 Summer Term / International/ Empowerment



## Key Vocabulary:

### Key Questions:

How were the Vikings such good travellers and why was this important in their success?

The Vikings were famous for their longships. Viking longships were long, slender boats that they used to travel on the seas. They have a long history in Scandinavia and were used as early as the fourth century BC.

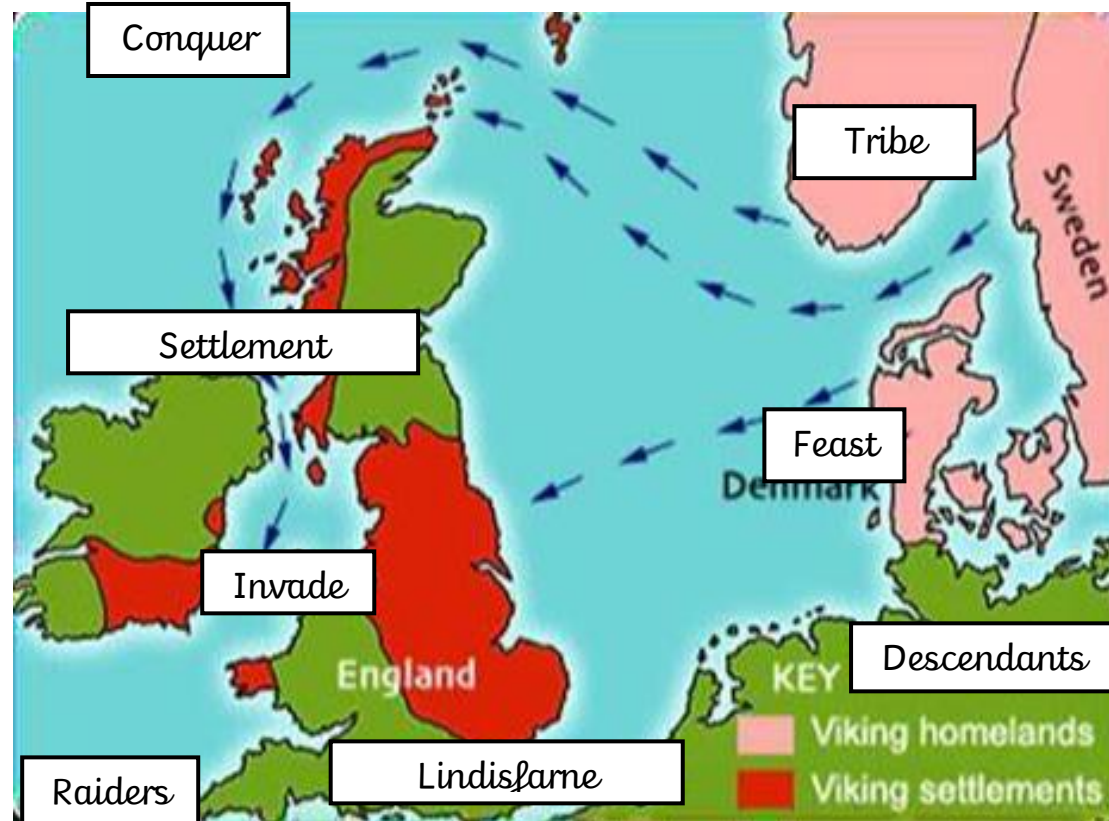
Were the Vikings really vicious?

The name 'Viking' comes from a language called 'Old Norse' and means 'a pirate raid'. People who went off raiding in ships were said to be 'going Viking'. But not all the Vikings were bloodthirsty warriors.

Some came to fight, but others came peacefully, to settle. They were farmers, and kept animals and grew crops. They were skilful at crafting, and made beautiful metalwork and wooden carvings.

How did the Vikings attempt to take over Britain and how close did they get?

The Vikings are well known for being 'Invaders and raiders'. They would often use force to invade new places and settle.



QR Code for Quiz



Words I know...

Invade, settle, Viking,  
vicious

This term, I will know how to...

explain the significance of particular causes and effects and developments during the Viking period, Use a range of sources to look for evidence and know how these can be interpreted differently.