

The Vikings—Year 5 **Knowledge Organiser**

-The Vikings travelled from Norway, Sweden and Denmark to England to invade.

-Around the year 700 AD the Viking sent armies to take over some of the land in England and they lived here until around 1050

-The Vikings spoke 'Norse' which had an alphabet made up of characters called runes

In 878, <u>King Alfred the Great</u> defeated the Vikings in battle and had them sign a treaty saying they had to keep to their own land in England – this section of land was called **Danelaw**.

-Vikings travelled in Longboats- they carried many people and were long and streamline to move quickly through the water.

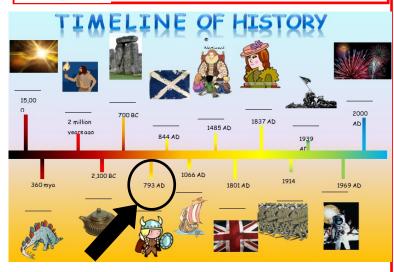
Did you know?

Vikings didn't actually have horns on their helmets! It was once depicted this

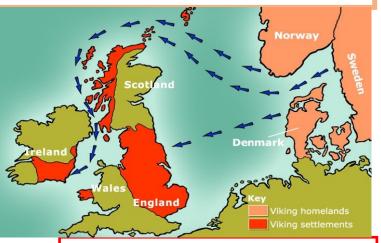




stick, but there is no actual evidence from History that they ever wore horns.



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<u>Legacy</u>

-We still use some of the same names of towns they used when they were here .

-As well as place names—some of our surnames are Norse. Jackson, Stevenson and Davidson.

-They even left behind lots of treasure (jewellery ,coins etc....) for us to dig up and find.

The also heavily influence the rule of law and democracy .

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