

# **History Topic:**

Traders and Raiders

Year Group:

4

**Autumn Term** 

# **Key Knowledge:**

## **Vikings**

• The **Vikings** had left Scandinavia to set out on an expedition to raid and **settle**in Britain.



- Vikings were great traders and skilled seafarers.
- They were skilled at farming, fishing, craft work and hunting.

### Longboats

- Vikings travelled in longboats.
- Longboats could hold up to 40 men.
- Longboats were a long,
  narrow shape and had Viking
  sailors shields hanging over the side for protection.



- This was the first **invasion** by the **Vikings** on British land.
- They attacked Lindisfarne (The Holy Land) on the 8<sup>th</sup> June.

## Battle of Hastings (1066AD)

- England's King, Edward the Confessor, dies and Harold Goodwinson is crowned King.
- His throne is challenged by King Harald Hardrada of Norway and Duke William of Normandy.
- Harold's army is defeated by William of Normandy, during the Battle of Hastings.
- King Harald is killed and the **Vikings** stop **raiding**.
- The Bayeux Tapestry is an embroidered cloth showing the Battle of Hastings.

### **Anglo-Saxon Villages**

- Anglo-Saxon villages were built near natural resources such as; water and trees.
- The villages would be surrounded by a high fence to protect the people and herds at night.
- Anglo-Saxons grew crops and kept cattle.
- Anglo-Saxon village were circular in shape with The Great Hall in the centre.



# **Key Vocabulary:**

**Viking –** The name given to the highly skilled warriors, seafarers and farmers from Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Iceland.

**Invasion –** To try and take over a place by force

Settler/Settlement – People who migrate to a new place. When people start a community, this is a settlement

**Monastery –** A building or collection of buildings in which monks live.

**Raid –** A sudden armed attack against a place.

**Danelaw** – An agreement that allowed the Vikings to stay and live in England, alongside the Anglo-Saxons.

**Longboat** – A type of boat used by Vikings to travel.

## Significant People:

Erik Thorvalsson (Eric the Red, born 950AD)

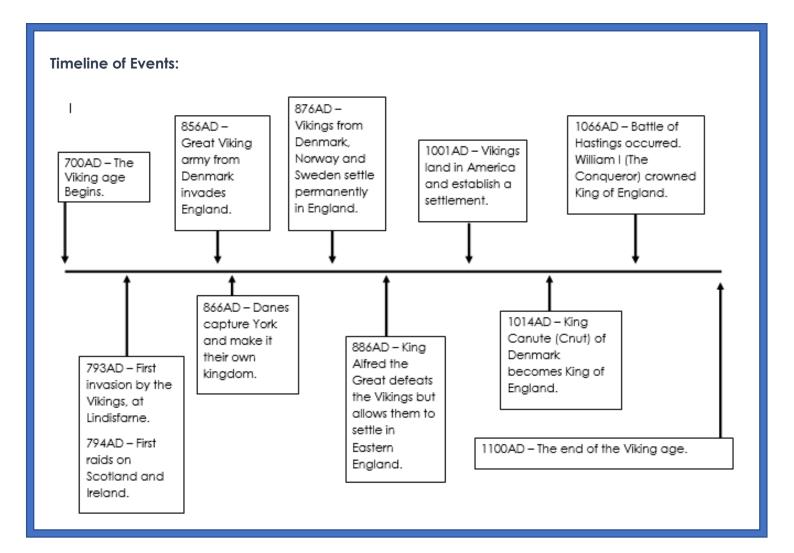
- He was given the nickname
  'Eric the Red' because
  of his red beard and his
  fiery temper.
- Erik was married to a female Viking named Thjodhild.
- Erik was a famous Viking adventurer. He discovered Greenland.

# Harald Hardrada (born in 1066AD)



- He was the King of Norway.
- He was a military general and fought many battles.
- He was the last great Viking ruler.





# Historical Skills and Enquiry:

- Use more than one source to find out what life was like in Britain at this time. Compare the accuracy of these sources.
- Describe different accounts of the Viking settlement from different perspectives.
- Explain how Britain changed with the Viking settlement.
- Compare Anglo-Saxon and Viking leaders.
- Compare the Anglo-Saxon settlement to that of the Vikings.
- Explain how the events at the Battle of Hastings brought an end to Anglo-Saxon and Viking rule.