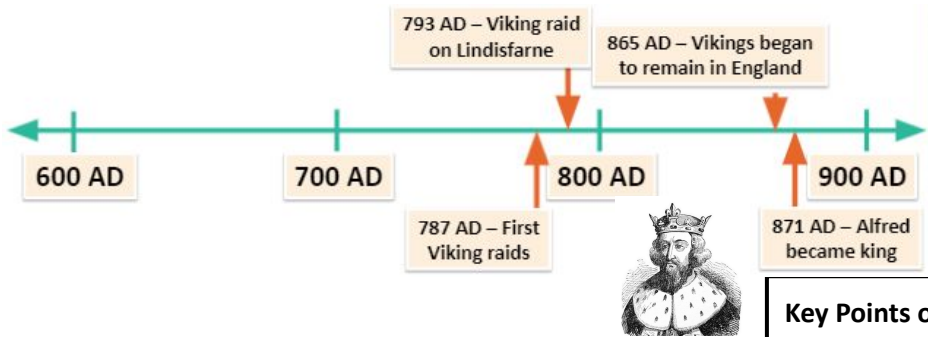


History Unit 2: The Vikings

Key Vocabulary

Raid
Monk
Monastery
Viking
Sacked/looted
Abbey
Migrate
Overpopulation
Inheritance
Invader
Settler
Wessex
Monarch
Cult
Runes
Longhouses
Saga



Overview

In this unit, the children will learn about the Vikings, and consider the reasons why they raided and then settled in Britain. They will investigate the popular view of the Vikings as raiders, ruthless in their ways of obtaining wealth. They will study primary sources of evidence, such as accounts by monks of the raid on Lindisfarne, as well as archaeological finds, to understand why this interpretation of the Vikings has become so popular. They will also examine King Alfred's struggle and victory over the Vikings.

Questions I want to investigate...

Key Points of Learning

- To understand why there are differing accounts of what happened during the raid on Lindisfarne.
- To understand what the way of life was like for the Vikings in their homeland, and reach valid conclusions about why they wanted to leave
- To know when, where and why the Vikings settled in Britain.
- To present a valid argument for whether King Alfred deserved the title 'Great'.
- To know what evidence we have about the Vikings, and to evaluate the quality of the evidence.
- To create a Viking saga reflecting what you know about the Vikings.

Useful Websites

[Viking Invasion](#)
[National Geographic](#)
[Viking Sagas](#)

