Y5 History Knowledge organiser – The Vikings
British History

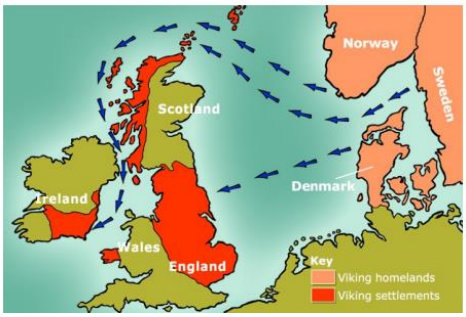
What do I already know?

I know that the Romans and Anglo-Saxons invaded Britain.

Key Vocabulary	
conquer	to invade and take over a place
Danelaw	an area in the north of England ruled by the Vikings
invaders	people who attack and try to take land from other people
kingdom	an area ruled by a king or queen
raiders	people who attack, then take what they find away with them
settlement	a place where people establish a community
tribe	a group of people who belong to the same culture
Wessex	an area in the south of England ruled by the Anglo -Saxons

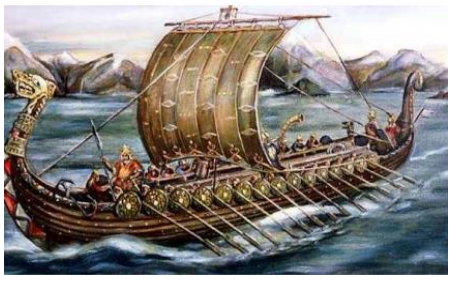
My Key Learning

Vikings were largely from Denmark, Norway and Sweden. Over a period of around 100 years the Vikings invaded large parts of northern England but there were large areas in the south (Wessex) that they never managed to invade. By 884AD an agreement was signed so that the Vikings could rule over "Danelaw" in the north of England.



The Vikings' journey to Britain

To make the journey from Denmark, Norway and Sweden, the Vikings had to make a treacherous journey across the North Sea.



A longboat

They were expert boat builders. We know what their boats looked like from examples that archaeologists have discovered.