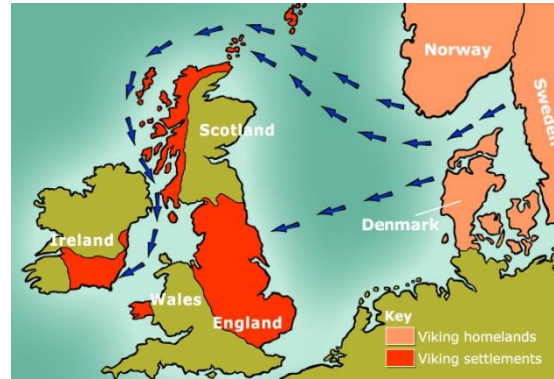


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### Key dates

AD 700	The Viking age begins.
AD 793	First invasion of Britain – raiding monasteries on the coast.
AD 866	Danes capture York (Jorvik) and make it their kingdom.
AD 876	Vikings settle permanently in Britain.
AD 886	King Alfred defeats the Vikings but allows them to settle in Eastern England.
AD 1001	Vikings land in America and establish a settlement.
AD 1014	King Canute of Denmark becomes king of England.
AD 1066	Battle of Hastings takes place and William the conqueror is crowned king.
AD 1100	End of the Viking age.



### Key people

Alfred the Great	AD 849-899. King of Wessex.
Aethelstan	Grandson of Alfred the Great. Becomes King of Wessex in AD 924 and the first king of England in 927.
Guthrum	One of the leaders of the 'Great Summer Army.' He joined forces with the 'Great Danish Army.'
Aethelred	Known as 'Aethelred the Unready'. To stop the Vikings invading he gave them gold and land. But it didn't work and they attacked anyway.
King Canute	AD 995-1035. Viking king of England, Denmark and Norway.
William the Conqueror	Becomes king of England in 1066 after winning the Battle of Hastings.

### Key events

AD 790-799	First Viking raids on Britain.
AD 793	Viking attack on Lindisfarne (the first planned Viking raid).
AD 871	Alfred the Great becomes king of Wessex.
AD 876	Guthrum the new leader of the Vikings attacks Wessex.
AD 878	Battle of Chippenham. Many of Alfred's men are killed. Alfred's army beat the Danish Vikings. Alfred and Guthrum make a treaty.
AD 924	Aethelstan becomes king of Mercia. Then in AD 928 he retakes York from the Vikings and becomes the first king of England.
AD 1002	Aethelred takes revenge on the Vikings. He orders all Danish men to be killed.
AD 1042	Edward becomes King and becomes known as Edward the Confessor.
AD 1066	Battle of Hastings.

## Vikings Key Vocabulary – Year 4

### Nouns

beard	Denmark	Thralls
compass	East Anglia	Karls
feast	Lindisfarne	Jarls
merchant	Northumberland	Kings
mythology	Scandinavia	Danelaw
raiders	Wessex	Danegeld

### Verbs

attack	emboss	loot
brutalise	exploit	navigate
clobber	forge	oppress
conquer	haunt	plunder
capture	intimidate	threaten
destroy	irrigate	settle

### Adjectives

bold	ghastly	tactical
cultured	inflammatory	tenacious
destructive	intrepid	uncompromising
dishevelled	majestic	unkempt
energetic	noxious	unruly
fearful	purposeful	voracious

### Etymology

berserk	The word probably comes from 'ber' meaning 'bear' and 'serkr' meaning 'shirt', making 'ber serkr = bear shirt'. Viking warriors known to wear bear skins were said to be frenzied warriors.
ransack	From the Old Norse 'rannsaka' which means to search a house.
Thursday	The word stems from 'Thor's Day'. Thor was the god of Thunder. The Old Norse word 'Thorsdagr' dates back to the 12 <sup>th</sup> century.