

Year 4 Spring History Knowledge Organiser (The Vikings)

<u>Travel & Exploration</u>	<u>Conflict & Beliefs</u>	<u>Artefacts</u>	<u>1066 & The Fall of the Vikings</u>	<u>Historical Enquiry Part 1</u>	
- They colonised large parts of Europe between 790 and 1100 CE after a long and bloody battle with the Anglo-Saxons, and they were from Scandinavia. - They travelled by longship. The longship was an essential part of the Vikings' ability to travel and explore. Longships were also perfect for raiding. They had banks of oars at either side and often had sails. The longship allowed the Vikings to sail upriver and build settlements and towns.	- They travelled often to raid and eventually to colonise different lands. - During raids, Vikings targeted church and monasteries as they often had expensive items there to steal. - Vikings worshipped many gods and believed that warriors who fought in battle would be carried to Valhalla. However, over time certain Vikings did start to follow Christianity.	- An artefact is a man-made object, such as pieces of art or tools that is of particular cultural, historical or archaeological interest. - Viking artefacts included Scales & Glass Pearl Necklace. Scales showed the value the Vikings placed on trading. Value was often measured through wealth. Glass Pearl Necklaces showed the value that the Vikings placed into their personal appearance as they often wore colourful clothes, which were very valuable.	1066 saw the end of the volatile times in Britain. - The Duke of Normandy was known as William the Conqueror. - He led the Norman Conquest and then William the Conqueror defeated King Harold II to signal the end of the Viking rule in 1066.	- The Vikings were fierce warriors due to their love of fighting, the berserker, their longships and the weapons they had. - The Vikings were also skilled in sailing, trading	  

Spring History Vocabulary

Scandinavia: Norway, Sweden & Denmark

Colonised: settled in a place

Settlements: a place which is established into a community

Longship: a ship used by the Vikings

Raids: surprise attack

Monasteries: a religious building

Valhalla: Viking, warrior heaven

Artefacts: a human made object of importance

Wealth: having lots of something

Valuable: worth lots of money

Volatile: rapid and unpredictable

Fierce: very aggressive

Berserkers: ancient Viking warrior who was extremely fierce

Skilled: having knowledge

Historical Enquiry: investigating something to understand the past