Fens Primary School Knowledge Organiser



History Focus:	Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the king-	Year 4	Term: 2B
	dom of England to the time of Edward the		
	Confessor.		

Vocabulary		
Danegeld	King Ethelred's tax that paid for protection. It was paid to the Danish invaders to stop them attacking.	
Danelaw	an agreement that allowed the Vikings to stay and live in England, alongside the Anglo- Saxons	
extortion	getting something you want, such as money, by using force or threats	
invasion	to try and take over a place by force	
marauder	a way to describe unpleasant and dangerous people who want to rob or kill others	
monastery	a building or collection of buildings in which monks live	
Norse	a way to describe Norwegians or people from Scandinavia	
Picts	ancient tribes who lived in northern Scotland	
raid	a sudden armed attack against a place	
ransack	means 'to search through a house' from the Old Norse word, rannsaka	
settler/settlement	people who migrate to a new place. When people start a community, this is a settlement	
Viking	the name given to the highly skilled warriors, seafarers and farmers from Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Iceland.	

Historical Skills and Enquiry

- Describe and explain the causes and consequences of the Viking invasion.
- Use more than 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, explaining some of the reasons why the accounts may differ.
- · Explain how Britain changed with the Viking settlement.
- Describe how Britain changed over time from the Stone Age through to 1066, looking at different aspects (e.g. settlements, technology, communication, food, warfare)
- 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.

- . The Vikings had left Scandinavia to set out on expedition to raid and settle in Britain.
- · The Vikings were great traders and skilled seafarers. They were skilled at farming, fishing, craft work and hunting.
- The Vikings raided and invaded Britain repeatedly, setting up bases and taking land and riches, particularly from monasteries as they had easy riches and were not well defended.
- King Alfred of Wessex, also known as Alfred the Great, initially fought the Vikings, also known as the Danes, but then peace was agreed and the country was divided. Wessex and Danelaw were created to eventually be united into a united English kingdom.
- As a result from the conflict between the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, two new kingdoms grew and Scotland and England became firmly established.
- · England was ruled by Anglo-Saxon kings as well as Danish kings.
- . The Viking and Anglo-Saxon rule came to an end in 1066, during the Battle of Hastings.

