

Year 4 Key Knowledge Fact Sheet – Anglo-Saxons and Vikings

Who were the Anglo - Saxons?

The **Anglo-Saxons** were a group of farmer-warriors from countries, which today are known as **Germany, Denmark and The Netherlands**.

They originally came over to help a king's kingdom in Britain but decided to stay and invade in about 400 AD. They settled on fertile land (easy to grow crops) near water sources.



Key Vocabulary

conquer - to take control of a place or people

Scandinavian - an area of Northern Europe with the countries Denmark, Sweden and Norway.

settlement - a place where people live.

invasion - when a place is overrun by an enemy.

longship - a long, light ship that could move quickly to carry warriors and explore.

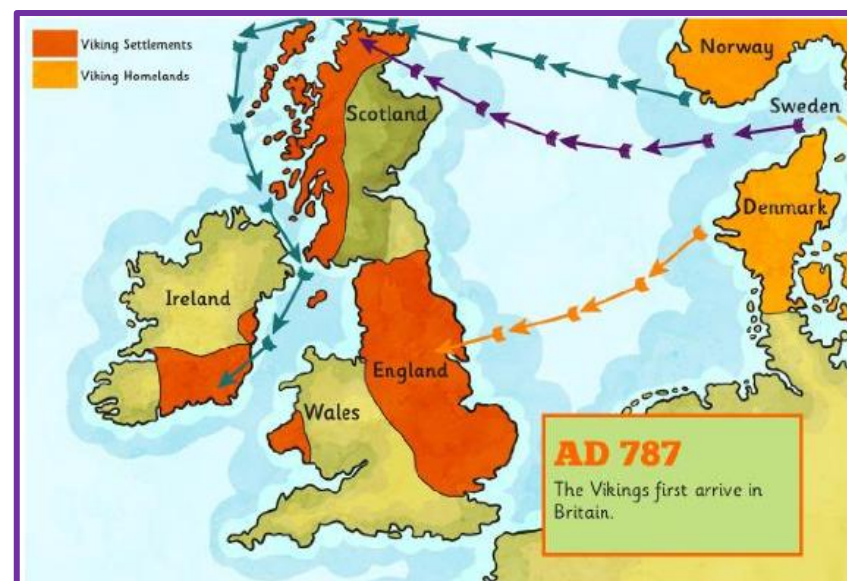
kingdom - a place ruled by a king or queen.

Who were the Vikings?

The **Vikings** came from three countries of **Scandinavia**: Denmark, Sweden and Norway.

The Vikings raided places for money and gifts. They wanted to claim more land.

Lindisfarne was one of the first landing sites of the Vikings. Lots of monks (religious people) lived there. Their lives and houses were destroyed.



Timeline: 248 million BC 60 million BC 1000 BC 800 BC 0 400 AD 700 AD 1000 AD

