What do I already know?

Iron Age, Romans, Battle of Hastings

History: YEAR FOUR, SUMMER TERM

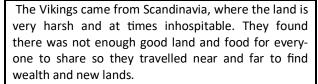
BIG IDEA—Who were our Viking invaders?

Stone	Ancient	Bronze	Iron	Ancient	Mayan	43AD—410AD	410AD—1066	1066	1100	1666	1700	1760	1837-1901	1914-1918	1939-45
Age	Egyptians	Age	Age	Greeks	Civilisation	Romans	Anglo Saxons	Battle of	Iroquois	Great Fire	Coal	Captain	Victorian	wwi	wwii
								Hastings	Tribes		Mining	Cook			430

SECTION 1 KEY VOCABULARY							
Anglo-Saxon	The people who invaded and settled in Britain from the 5th century.						
Christian	A person who believes in the exist- ence of Jesus Christ and follows the life teachings of the Christian faith.						
kingdom	A country, state or territory ruled by king of queen.						
longship	A ship used by the Vikings to raid distant lands. It had a narrow hull, a single square sail and many oars.						
monastery	A building in which monks (men who have devoted their lives to their Christian faith) live and worship.						
pagan	Belonging to a religion that worships many gods.						
Viking	A member of a Scandinavian tribe who invaded and settles in Britain between the 8th and 11th centuries.						

SECTION 2

Why did the Vikings invade Britain?



They were fearsome in battle and not afraid to raid unknown territories. The Vikings first invaded Anglo-Saxon Britain in 793 AD. Although the Vikings were originally pagans, they became Christians to allow them to live and trade more easily with their neighbours.

SECTION 3

Were the Vikings just great warriors?

The Vikings were skilled craftsmen. Not only were they warriors but also farmers, fishermen, traders and so much more. They made strong weapons, fast ships and beautiful metalwork and wood carvings. They also made jewellery from metal, wood and glass.

Viking women were skilled at spinning wool to weave into cloth and dyed fabrics. They too could be brave warriors and fight alongside the men. The Vikings were pagans, who believed in many gods and believed that death in battle would bring them a glorious afterlife.

SECTION 4

What happened to Viking rule in Britain?

- Before the Vikings invaded, the Anglo-Saxons had divided England into seven kingdoms: Northumbria, Mercia, East Anglia, Essex, Kent, Wessex, Sussex. Each kingdom was ruled by a different Anglo-Saxon king.
- When the Vikings first invaded, they looted monasteries (which were undefended and contained valuable items) and returned to their native land with their stolen wealth. However, they eventually conquered land and took over many Anglo-Saxon kingdoms, choosing to settle in Britain for its fertile farming land.
- By AD 870, Wessex was the only Anglo-Saxon kingdom left! The Vikings tried to invade Wessex, but the wise and
 popular King Alfred fought the Vikings back. Alfred then made a deal with the Viking leader, Guthrum, to share
 Britain between them. However, fighting continued. Eventually, in 1066, new invaders arrived to take over the

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