**Vikings: Who What Why Where When?**

**LO: to understand why Vikings invaded England, Ireland and Scotland**

**Success Criteria**

\* Understand when Vikings lived and place this era on a timeline

\* Identify Scandinavian countries on map of Europe

\* Use Geographical knowledge explain why Vikings may have left Scandinavia to raid Britain

**Key Vocabulary:**

Viking raid Anglo-Saxon Norsemen Scandinavia Norway Denmark Sweden

**Viking:** Viking refers to any of the Scandinavian seafaring pirates and traders who raided and settled in many parts of NW Europe in the 8th–11th centuries.

**raid**: a surprise attach on an enemy by troops, aircraft or other armed forces.

**Resources:**

template maps of Europe, atlases

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zrpnvcw>

Lindisfarne info sheets and questions

**What does Viking mean?**

What period of time are we referring to? *Discuss timeline: after Romans – Anglo Saxons, then Vikings from around 790 until 1066.* How many years was that? How long ago? What significant event happened in 1066?

Refer to timeline and point out key events chn may be familiar with: Ancient Egypt, Greece, Romans, birth of Christ, birth of Mohammad, Anglo Saxons, Vikings, Battle of Hastings, Tudors, Fire of London, Victorians etc. Chn could suggest other events or era in history and place on timeline.

Vikings came from Norway, Denmark and Sweden (known collectively as Scandinavia). These people were known as Norsemen (etymology: norse = north, men from the north). They were experienced, master sailors and skilled at building and sailing boats. Fame and wealth were important to the Vikings and they raided other lands in order to get both. Ensure chn understand the meaning of *raid*.

What can chn infer about the Vikings thus far? What does *raid* and the definition of *Viking* tell us about them?

**GEOGRAPHY**

**Activity 1**:

Template map of Europe. Colour Scandinavian countries in one colour (origin of Vikings) and where they landed in another and add key to map. Use atlases to locate countries and find out brief details as to climate and landscape: why do chn think the Vikings raided England, Ireland and Scotland? *Warmer climate, more fertile land, greater / better resources*. Discuss and jot ideas in books. This website may help <http://www.coreknowledge.org.uk/year2geographyscandinavia.php> (very basic explanation of the climate in Scandinavia).

Ask: why were the Vikings so successful? Collect ideas. Locate Lindisfarne on your maps. Watch film <https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zrpnvcw> and make notes to answer why they were so successful.

**Activity 2:** Lindisfarne read and answer questions (differentiated). Do not copy question into book but answer in full sentences using more than one sentence where appropriate.

**Activity 3**: watch news report <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ghucvX1TeAo> Write short news report with reporter, interviewer and interviewee to report on the Lindisfarne raid.

Children could film this and take photos for home learning and website.