

# Topic Plan

Year 4		
Norse Invaders		
Key Skills	Key Facts	Key Vocabulary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was life like for Vikings?</li> <li>• When did the Vikings attack Britain?</li> <li>• Where did the Vikings invade and settle?</li> <li>• Why were the Vikings so feared and successful?</li> <li>• What peace was agreed between the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings?</li> <li>• Why did the Normans and Vikings both think they had the right to the throne of England?</li> <li>• Who were the Viking Gods?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Vikings originated in Scandinavia.</li> <li>• The Vikings were more than just ferocious raiders. They were also skilled farmers, explorers, craftspeople and seafarers.</li> <li>• The Vikings invaded and settled in Britain as well as Normandy in France.</li> <li>• The prospect of improved lands and better natural resources pulled the Vikings towards Britain.</li> <li>• The Vikings and Anglo-Saxons fought, lost and won various battles in the struggle for the kingdom of England.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Repelled</b> - forced back to stop an attack.</p> <p><b>Tapestry</b> - a piece of cloth with a picture created by weaving or sewing</p> <p><b>Confessor</b> - someone who has born witness to their religious faith by their life.</p> <p><b>Fjord</b> - a long, narrow, deep inlet of the sea between high cliffs.</p> <p><b>Legend</b> - a traditional story regarded as historical but not verified.</p>
Key Figures/Places	Reading and Writing Links	
<p>Alfred the Great – King of the West Saxons</p> <p>Edward the Confessor - an Anglo Saxon King</p> <p>Cnut the Great - The Viking king, Cnut the Great reigned for over 19 years.</p> <p>King Guthrum – leader of a major invasion.</p>	<p>Arthur and the Golden Rope by Joe Todd Stanton.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Writing a recount</li> <li>- Narrative myth writing.</li> <li>- Finding out about the characters</li> <li>- Exploring the setting.</li> </ul> 	