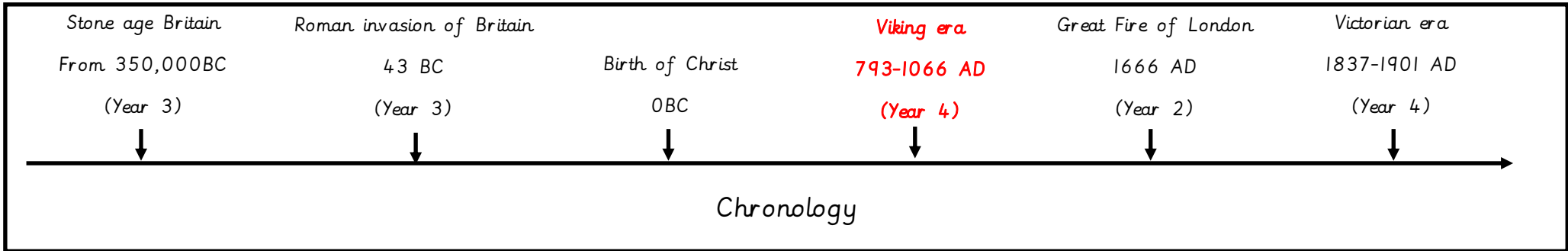


The Vikings and Anglo-Saxons

Cardaze Primary School History Knowledge Organiser

Year 4



Key vocabulary/concepts relating to chronology:
'BC/AD', 'hundreds of years ago', Vikings, Saxons

Key vocabulary	
Anglo-Saxons	The main group of people living in Britain when the Vikings invaded
Danelaw	The area in Britain that the Danish Vikings ruled over
Invaders	People who attack and raid a country or place
Jorvik	The name given to the city of York by the Vikings
Longship	A Viking ship used for travel and carrying out raids
Raid	A surprise attack
Scandinavia	The countries of Norway, Denmark and Sweden. This is where the Vikings travelled from
Settlement	A place where humans live
Pillage	Rob a place or property using violence

Key learning

The Vikings travelled by boat from Norway, Denmark and Sweden.

The Vikings and Anglo-Saxons fought for power of Britain

On arrival in Britain, the Vikings raided churches and monasteries for valuable items.

Viking shields were valuable possessions which had many uses in warfare.

Viking longships were used for both travel and attacking/invading

Religion was very important to the Vikings and they worshipped many Gods.

Significant individuals:

- **King Alfred the Great (849-899AD)** —an Anglo-Saxon who fought the Vikings
- **King Cnut (995-1035AD)**—Viking king of England, Denmark and Norway

Key historical concepts:

- Invasion
- Similarity and difference

Legacy:

- Many British place names have Viking origins (e.g. places ending in -thorpe, -by, -kirk, -thwaite)

Cross-curricular links

- Geography—location and geographical features of Scandinavia
- Novel study (Rabbits) - invasion
- History—Roman invasion of Britain—similarities and differences

Timeline of significant events:

793AD	866AD	876AD	886AD	1014AD	1066AD	1100AD
First Vikings arrive in Britain	Danes capture York and make it their Kingdom	Vikings settle permanently in Britain	King Alfred defeats the Vikings but allows them to settle in Eastern England	King Cnut becomes King of England	Battle of Hastings takes place and William the Conqueror becomes King	End of the Viking age