

# Vikings: KS2 Knowledge Mat

Subject Specific Vocabulary	
<b>archaeologist</b>	People who work out our history by looking at artefacts that have been found.
<b>raids</b>	A sudden armed attack against it, with the aim of causing damage rather than occupying any of the enemy's land.
<b>vicious</b>	To be intentionally harmful or nasty. Vikings warriors were known to be vicious.
<b>longhouse</b>	A large hall like building where many Viking families would live together.
<b>berserkers</b>	Warriors that went to war wearing wolf or bear skins. They were out of control and charged fearlessly. The word 'berserk' came from it.
<b>longship</b>	The narrow boat used by Vikings to raid along coasts.
<b>Odin</b>	One of the most famous Viking Gods known for wisdom.
<b>Scandinavia</b>	The name given to the collection of countries: Denmark, Norway and Sweden.
<b>Danelaw</b>	The name given to lands in Britain occupied by the Vikings.
<b>misconception</b>	This means mis-understanding. In Viking terms there were many misunderstandings about the Vikings.
<b>Jorvik</b>	The Viking name for the city of York. York now has a famous Viking museum called Jorvik.



## Sticky Knowledge about the Vikings

- Not all Vikings were warriors. Many came in peace and become farmers.
- The lands that the Vikings occupied were known as Danelaw.
- Not many Vikings, if any, wore horns in their helmets.
- Vikings spoke Norse, which had an alphabet made up of runes.
- Longships were designed to sail in both deep and shallow water so that they could get close to the shore so they could not be easily seen.
- Vikings were pagans and often raided monasteries, looting gold.
- The most important Viking British city was York or Jorvik as it was known by the Vikings.

## Exciting Books



## Days of the week

**The names for most of the days of the week originate from Vikings.**

**Monday** – linked to the moon by the name Mani – Norse for Moon.

**Tuesday** named after the Viking God of War – Tyr.

**Wednesday** – named after Woden.

**Thursday** – named after Thor, the God of thunder.

