


Y4 Honeybees Enquiry based learning photo story (Summer term)







What was it like to be a Viking?

In our first lesson we used a range of resources (iPads, non-fiction books, maps, information sheets) to research four main questions - **When** did the Vikings invade Britain? **Why** did they invade Britain? **How** did they travel to Britain? **Where** did they come from?

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The Vikings

Where did the Vikings come from?  Key Viking homelands Viking settlements	When did they come to Britain? 700 AD They raided Lindisfarne in 789 AD. Came back to invade in 865 AD and took over York in 866 AD.
They came from Scandinavia which is Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Why did they come to Britain? The land was better for farming and the seas were good for fishing. Viking people were known for being pirates raiders, explorers and traders. Britain was close to Viking territories and they were eager to see Britain.	How did they travel to Britain? They travelled all over Europe and the Atlantic Oceans in their longships. The longships could sail in shallow water which meant they could travel up rivers as well as across the sea. The longship was powered by human strength.

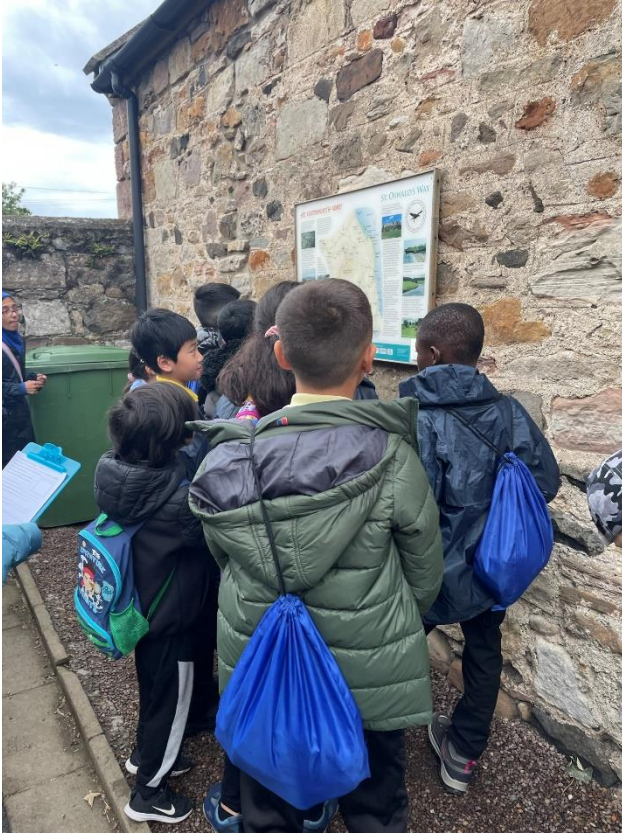
We placed some key events of the first Viking raids, leading to their eventual permanent settlement.

AD 793  The Vikings attack and raid the island of Lindisfarne.	AD 865  The Vikings sail to Britain to invade.	AD 866  The Vikings capture the city of York (Jorvik)	AD 874  Wessex is the last Anglo-Saxon kingdom, rule by King Alfred the	AD 878  The Vikings permanently settle in England and try to invade Wessex.	AD 886  King Alfred makes a deal with the Vikings, giving them the east of Britain (Danelaw)
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In mixed ability groups, we used a range of resources to find out different aspects of Viking (clothing, food, houses). We used post-it notes to record our research and to group the facts together.



After learning all about Viking raids, we visited Holy Island, which was one of the very first places the Vikings raided in Britain. We were amazed to see the ruins of the priory and thought about how the monks would have felt during the raid.



We learnt about the Viking's beliefs; their gods and goddesses which had a link to our English book 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'. We also learnt about the different Viking kings and how it all ended in 1066, and about the different types of punishments which were used.

Once we had enough information, we started working in groups to create '***A time traveller's guide to The Vikings***'. We had to think about what information would be useful and important to share in our booklets.

