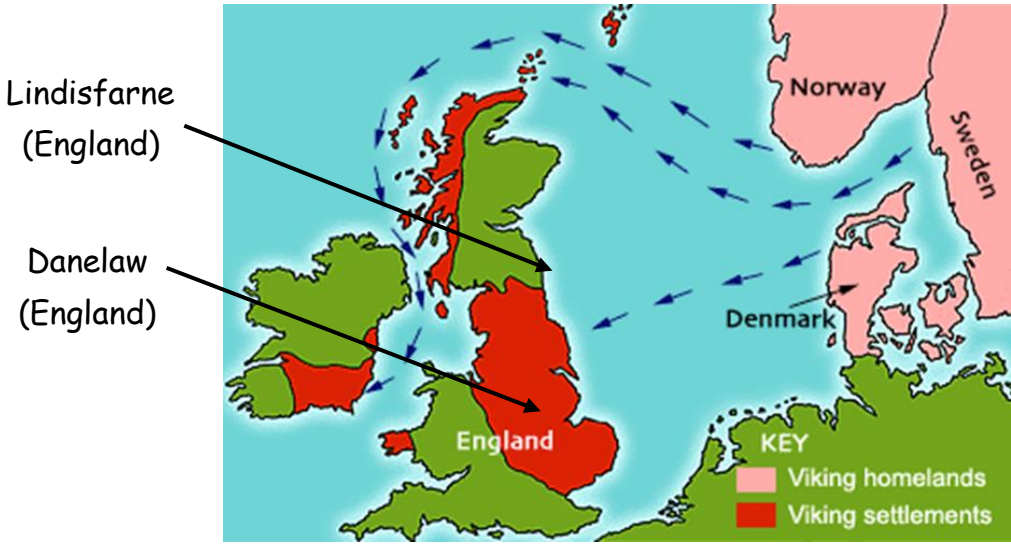


The Vikings



Timeline								
700	789	793	865	866	876	886	1014	1066
The Viking Age begins	First recorded Viking attack	Viking raid on Lindisfarne	Viking army from Denmark invades England	Danes capture York (Jorvik)	Vikings from Denmark, Sweden and Norway settle permanently in England	King Alfred defeats the Vikings / Allows them to settle in East England	King Canute (Cnut) of Denmark King of England	Battle of Hastings / William I King of England

Key Vocabulary	
Danelaw	An area of land ruled by the Vikings where they settled from York down to the east of England.
drinking horn	Made from the horns of goats and cattle, these were used when drinking water, milk or mead.
helmet	Helmets were made from iron with a bowl and nose guard and leather inside. They did not have horns!
jewellery	Using a range of materials from gold to animal bones they made rings, brooches, necklaces and bracelets.
long boat	Long, narrow ships that could travel fast, in shallow waters for incredibly long distances.
longhouse	Made of wattle and daub, wood or stone with an open fire in the centre of one single room.
loom	Viking women would spin wool or flax which was then woven into cloth using a wooden framed loom.
runes	The alphabet (Futhark) was made up of 24 characters (runes) making a sound, word or god.
Pagan	A person who believes in many gods.
Valhalla	Brave warriors were believed to go to Valhalla in the afterlife - a great hall, feasting alongside Odin.



Some of the names of our towns and villages have a little bit of Norse language in them. Names with endings like these: '-by', as in Corby or Whitby, means 'farm' or 'town'-thorpe', as in Scunthorpe, means 'village'

Eric Bloodaxe (885-954)
Eric Bloodaxe was king of the Viking kingdom of Jorvik between 947-948 and 952-954.

Leif Erikson (c.970-1020)
Leif Erikson was a famous Viking explorer from Iceland who sailed all the way to North America.

King Canute (990-1035)
Canute was the first Viking king of England, ruling from 1016-1035.

Harald Hardrada (c.1015-1066)
Harald Hardrada was the king of Norway. He led Viking armies into England but was defeated at the Battle of Stamford Bridge in York by King Harold II.