Year 4 -Humanities

Term 3 Week 12 Lesson 1

LO: To read the text about Vikings and answer the given questions.

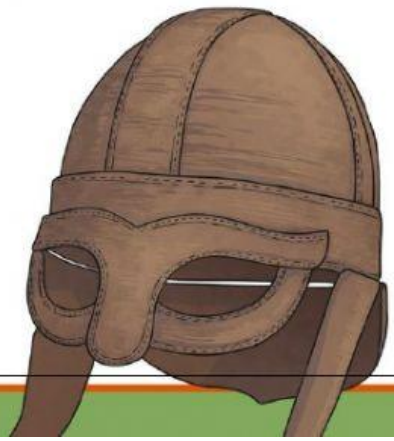
Victorious Vikings

The Vikings came from the present day countries of Denmark, Norway and Sweden. They set out in boats called longships to go travelling around). The Vikings first arrived in Britain around AD 787 and in AD 793 they raided the monastery (church) at Lindisfarne in Northumbria and stole many items.

The Vikings came to Britain looking for land and new items to steal and sell. They liked to steal from monasteries (churches) because they were not very well protected and they had gold, jewels and food. The Vikings also stole manuscripts (handwritten books) and bibles, which they later sold back to the monasteries!
When the Vikings first came to Britain they took what they could get hold of and then went home again but in AD 850 some Vikings stayed in Britain over winter. They liked the weather because it was warmer than at home and they also liked making things out of the land around them.
Later the Vikings started to look for places they could steal and settle in for good. By AD 866 they had captured the city of York, which over time became a great Viking city. King Alfred the Great fought against the Vikings in the South of England but by AD 878 the Vikings had beaten him so King Alfred went into hiding.

Viking Warriors

The Vikings are best known for their fierce (scary) warriors. They were excellent fighters, very organised and brave in battle.
Viking warriors are often shown wearing helmets with horns but these were not used in fighting. The warriors' helmets were actually smooth and close fitting to the head. They were made of leather or metal.
The axe was a Viking warrior's best weapon but they also used spears and swords and carried shields. Swords were very special weapons as they were often given to brave warriors who had done well in many battles.





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Write your answers in complete sentences

Read the text carefully and then answer the following questions.

1. When did the Vikings first arrive in Britain?

2. Why did the Vikings choose to come to Britain?

3. Which monastery (church) did the Vikings raid first?

4. Which city did the Vikings take over in AD 866?

5. Who was King Alfred the Great and what did he do?

6. Give a reason why the Vikings made good warriors.

Challenge:

1. Give two reasons why the Vikings made good warriors.

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2.If you were a Viking warrior, which weapon would you choose? Why?

3.Imagine you lived in Britain in AD 793. Describe how you might have felt meeting a Vikingfor the first time.

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