



### Key Vocabulary

- Chieftain** - The leader of a village or small group of people
- Danelaw** - The area of England ruled by the Vikings
- Freeman** - A person who is not a slave and free to choose who he or she worked for
- Longship** - A Viking ship with a sail and oars, also called a dragon-ship
- Monastery** - The building where monks live
- Pagan** - A person who believed in many gods
- Runes** - The name given to the Viking alphabet
- Thatched** - A roof covered in straw
- Trader** - A person who sells goods



### Timeline of Key Events:

All dates below are approximate:

- 787 CE First Scandinavian raids
- 793 CE Viking attacks on Lindisfarne
- 842 CE Viking raids on London
- 865 CE Great Heathen Army invade
- 878 CE Battle of Edington
- 927 CE Athelstan unites English kingdoms
- 950 CE Vikings from Ireland & Isle of Man raid the west coast of Wales
- 991 CE Battle of Maldon leads to the first payments of Danegeld
- 994 CE Danish attack on London fails
- 1000 CE Vikings reach Newfoundland
- 1013 CE King Sven of Sweden

# Year 4

## Spring 2

### The Vikings!



The Vikings sailed in longships.

### Important People

- ▣ **King Alfred** - King of Wessex from 871 to 899, defended Wessex from the Viking conquest
- ▣ **Athelstan** - First King to unite English kingdoms, 927
- ▣ **Guthrum** - King of the Vikings in Danelaw at the time of the treaty with the Saxons
- ▣ **King Cnut** - King of England, Denmark and Norway between 1028 and 1035