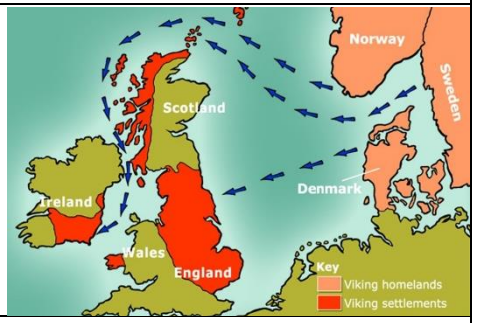
History – Viking and Anglo-Saxon Struggle – Year 4

Vocabulary:		Who's who?		Key Facts:
		 **Alfred**	Saxon king who decisively defeated the Viking army in 878 and earned the reputation as 'great'	The word Viking means raider but they were also trader and settlers, especially later in the period.
Danegeld	protection money paid by Saxons to bribe Vikings not to attack their lands			The Vikings attacked England from Scandinavia carrying out raids on monasteries which is why the monks criticised them so much. 
Danelaw	large part of Eastern England where the Danes settled in the late 9th century with their own laws and culture	 **Cnut**	Ruled England from between 10126 and 1035 as well as Norway and Denmark	For many years they fought hard against the Saxons for control of England but were stopped by Alfred. They then settled in the East with some becoming kings of England at the end of the Saxon period.
Heathen	person who does not accept a religion that says there is only one God	 **Sweyn Forkbeard**	Ruled Denmark and was Warrior King from 986 until 1014 and for a few weeks was King of England	The longship was the Viking raiding ship. It was 25 metres long but only 2 metres wide. It was slim and strongly built of timber. They were highly skilled shipbuilders, taking them vast distances across dangerous seas 
Hoard	hidden collection of treasure			
Pagan	person who believes in more than one God			
Runes	Viking writing			

