

### 3. THE VIKINGS ARE COMING!

The Vikings were invaders and settlers from Denmark, Norway and Sweden. They were good sailors and fighters. They settled in Greenland, Italy, Spain, Russia and even North Africa.

The Vikings were fierce warriors. Their steel two-handed swords and battle-axes were terrifying and effective weapons.



They came to Britain by sea, in long boats, from the late 700s. A Viking long boat had sails and oars, and a dragon's-head prow at the front.

Vikings usually rowed through the stormy and dangerous North Sea in the summer months when the weather was better.



*Artwork depicting a Viking long boat*