Tuesday 17th November
LO: To retrieve and infer information

Read pages 7-15 with your reading partner.

Who are the Vikings in the text?
How do they travel to new places?
What kind of items do they steal?
What did they believe about storm winds?
Which materials did they use to build their longships?

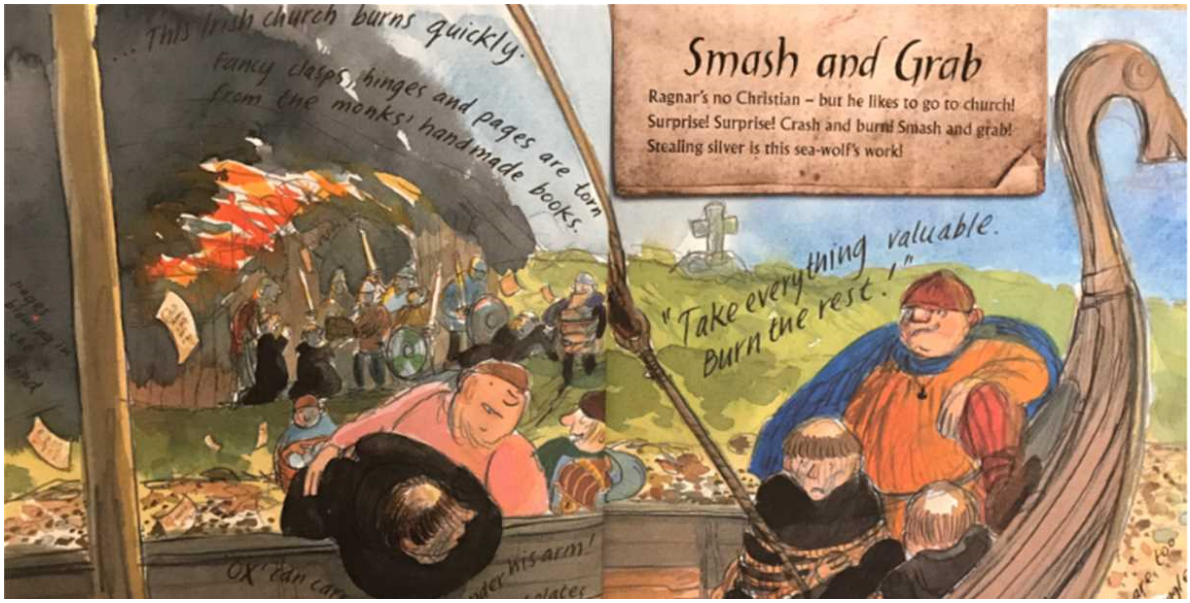
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Meet the Vikings
Our story begins in 864, and follows the life of a beautiful 9th century Viking Longship and the Vikings who sailed in her. Let's look in on some of them and see how they lived their lives in those dangerous times...
ULVA
Grim's wife
GRIM
a Viking warrior
THORA and THORKEL
Grim's children
UGGLA
Grim's best friend
RAGNAR
a Viking rover

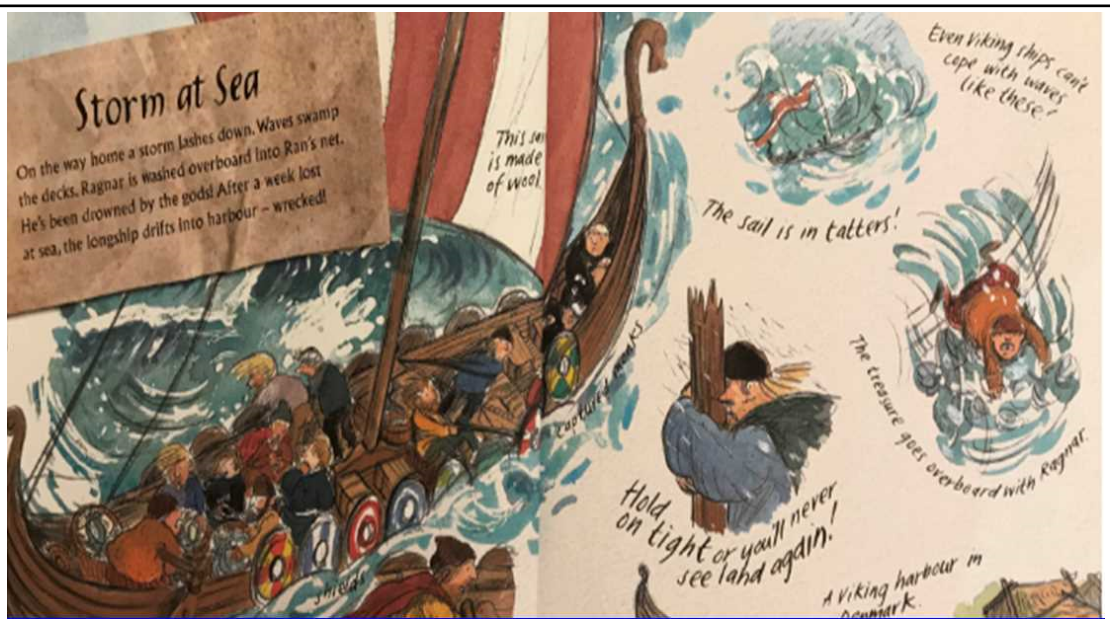
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Dragging a Dragon
Here comes a longship! Dragged overland between river and sea, this dragon belongs to a pirate – a Viking called Ragnar.
Look!
The thunder god is throwing his magic hammer!
Ragnar has named his ship The Sea Dragon.
A small Viking longship is light enough to drag overland. This sort of shortcut is called 'portage'.
Listen!
Lightning flashes!
Thunder rumbles!
Rolling logs help the boat move along.
"Pull, you sons of Odin!"

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...This Irish church burns quickly.
Fancy clasps, hinges and pages are torn from the monks' handmade books.
Smash and Grab
Ragnar's no Christian – but he likes to go to church!
Surprise! Surprise! Crash and burn! Smash and grab!
Stealing silver is this sea-wolf's work!
"Take everything valuable. Burn the rest!"

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Storm at Sea
On the way home a storm lashes down. Waves swamp the decks. Ragnar is washed overboard into Ran's net. He's been drowned by the gods! After a week lost at sea, the longship drifts into harbour – wrecked!
This sail is made of wool.
Even Viking ships can't cope with waves like these!
The sail is in tatters!
The treasure goes overboard with Ragnar.
Hold on tight or you'll never see land again!
A Viking harbour in Denmark.

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Shipyard
Two young Vikings, Grim and Uggla, buy the broken longship from Ragnar's widow. Keen for adventure, they repair the damage, carefully healing The Sea Dragon's wounds with a ship builder's skill.
A new ship is being built here.
scraping wood
waterproofing: filling the gaps with wool and tar - it smells of kippers!
Wooden clamp holds wood in position
Grim hammers in ship rivets
Grim haggles with Ragnar's widow, Ingeborg
"It's worth much!"
"It's worth a deal!"
The boat must be ready SOON - Earl Halfdan has promised the Vikings a great adventure!
Tor is trimming new planks.
Take it, drill! My hands in the planks.

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Now answer the question using the text.
Make sure you read each question carefully so you know what to do.
Look in the text to find the answers.

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1. When did the story begin?

2. True or false? Tick which statements were true and which were false.

Statement	True	False
Carved pictures on stones can tell us about Viking ships.		
Viking ships were unsuitable to travel on rivers.		
Vikings could carry their boats.		
Remains of these boats were discovered in Scandinavia.		
They used wheels to move the boats on land.		

3. Find and copy one word which meant Vikings could carry their boat on land.

4. Why did the Vikings like to go to church?

5. Tick 2 items that the Vikings stole from the church.

money	
gold	
wood	
silver decorations	

6. Explain what Vikings believe. How do you think this might have effected their life?

7. Match the material to the part of the ship it made.

oak	sails
green timber	boat
seal hide	glue
wool	keel