



Anglo-Saxons



Year Group: 5

Subject Focus: History

Term: Autumn 1

Key facts

- The Anglo-Saxons were the descendants of three different tribes who invaded Britain after the Roman army left Britain in 410 AD.
- The Anglo-Saxons were made up of three tribes: the Angles, Saxons and Jutes.
- The name 'Angles' eventually became 'English' and their land, 'Angle-land', became 'England'.
- They came to Britain from across the North Sea in the middle of the 5th Century.
- For a long time, England was not one country. Anglo-Saxon kings ruled many small kingdoms across the land.
- The Anglo-Saxons were fierce people who fought many battles, including fighting each other.
- By AD 660, Britain was split into 7 kingdoms: Northumbria, Mercia, East Anglia, Essex, Wessex, Sussex and Kent.
- The impact of the Anglo-Saxons on life in Britain can still be seen today, for example in our place names and language.
- The Anglo-Saxon period ended when the Normans conquered Britain in 1066.

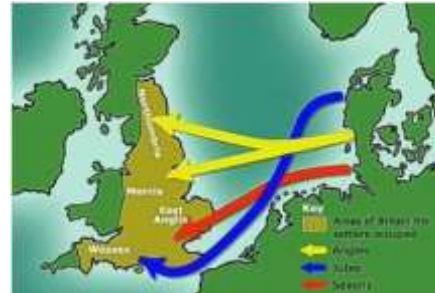
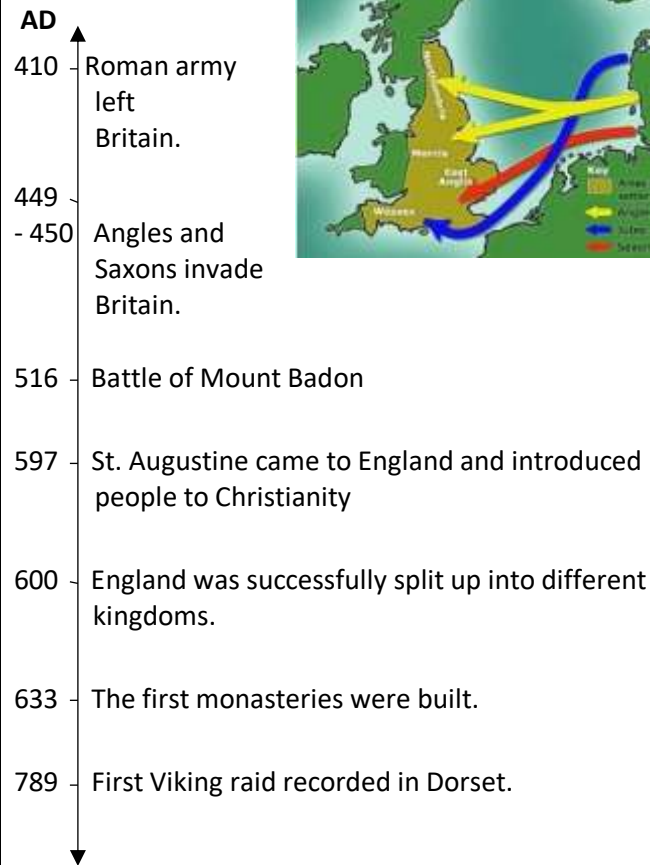
Did you know?

One of the most important archaeological sites from the Anglo-Saxon era is the burial site at Sutton-Hoo in East Anglia, where a whole ship was used as a grave!

An Anglo Saxon king was buried inside the ship along with some of his possessions, such as his helmet, sword, gold and jewellery. Lots of our knowledge about the Anglo-Saxons comes from the first-hand evidence found at this site.



Timeline



Key words:

Angles	Tribes from modern day Denmark.
Jutes	A tribe from northern Denmark who settled in Britain.
Saxons	German – Dutch tribes who settled in Britain from around 450 AD.
Scots	People from Ireland who were fierce and powerful fighters.
conquered	took control of by force
Invade	To enter as an enemy, by force, to conquer
monk	a man who lives apart from society and devotes his life to religion.
pagan	People who didn't believe in just one god, but many gods and goddesses.
thane	An important Anglo-Saxon person.
wergild	A fine imposed for stealing or killing.

Exciting books/ web links:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zxsbcdm>



Parents as partners:

- Encourage your child to create some amazing fact cards about the Anglo Saxons.
- Together, make an Anglo Saxon house using recycled materials.
- Create a word search or crossword about the Anglo Saxons
- Visit some of the websites and talk about what you discover. Could you share your learning in a poster?