

Year: 4



Term: Autumn 2

Anglo-Saxons and Vikings

Key Questions:

Why did the Anglo Saxons settle in Britain?

What was life like in Britain in the Early Medieval period?

Who were the Vikings?

What happened when the Vikings came to Britain?

Was King Alfred really Great?

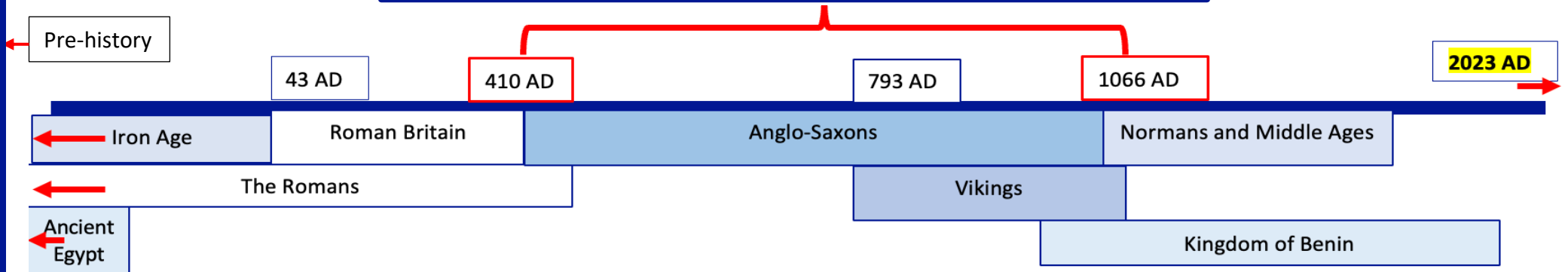
Enquiry Question: Did the settlement by the Anglo-Saxons make England a better or worse place to live? Were the Vikings really Vicious Thieves?

Key Facts:

- Anglo-Saxon Britain lasted from AD410 (after the last romans left) to 1066 (use on timeline)
- The Anglo Saxons were a mix of tribes from Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands
- Vikings AD793 to 1066
- The land they settled upon was known as 'Angleland' (England)
- Division between Men and Women and Girls/ Boys and their job roles
- St Augustine arrived in Britain and Introduced people to Christianity.
- Roman life was focused in the cities, Anglo Saxon life was more in the countryside
- Fewer written records in Anglo-Saxon times than Romans (this is why it is known as the 'dark ages.'
- An attack on Lindisfarne marked the beginning of the Saxon- Viking struggle for power.
- King Alfred the Great defeated the Vikings in 878AD - treaty signed that Vikings stick to own land in the North and east of England. This section of land is known as Danelaw.
- England was an attractive target for the Vikings.
- King Alfred already successfully defended his Kingdom against the Vikings.
- The Vikings were invaders and settlers who came from the Scandinavian countries of Denmark, Sweden and Norway
- Battle of Hastings ended the Anglo-Saxon rule, and the Norman conquest began.

Glossary:

Anglo-Saxon	People who came to and settled in England from places like Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands, from 450 AD.
Vikings	Warriors from northern Europe. Also known as Northmen. They attacked many countries and took lots of treasure.
Dane Law	The name of the area in England that belonged to the Vikings after 886 AD. People lived under the law of the Danes (Vikings).
Mercia	One of seven kingdoms created by the Anglo-Saxons in Britain. Each ruled by a different king.
Raid	A sudden attack ore invasion.
St. Augustine	A Christian bishop from Rome who came to England to introduce people to Christianity.



410 AD	450 AD	597 AD	600 AD	617 AD	793 AD	876 AD	886 AD	1016 AD	1066 AD
Last Romans leave Britain	Saxons from Germany land in Britain	Augustine arrives in Britain and brings Christianity	Seven kingdoms created across Britain	Northumbria becomes Supreme Kingdom of Britain	Vikings land at Lindisfarne and attack monastery.	Vikings permanently settle in England.	Alfred the Great Crowned King of the Anglo-Saxons	Cnut becomes King of England. He is also King of Denmark	William of Normandy defeats King Harold at the Battle of Hastings. He becomes king of England

CLASSES 4AB and 4EB

Homework to be completed and returned by

Friday 15th December 2023

Spelling

Don't forget spelling rules for your Spelling words will go home with you Friday for your test the following week!



Maths

Remember to revise your **time tables**.

Practice the **number facts** you are working on each week. You will be tested on these!

And please don't forget to log onto Times Table Rock Stars



Places to Visit:

British Museum –

- <https://www.britishmuseum.org/learn/schools/ages-7-11/ancient-britain/visit-resource-anglo-saxons>
- <https://www.britishmuseum.org/learn/schools/ages-7-11/ancient-britain/visit-resource-vikings>
- https://www.britishmuseum.org/sites/default/files/2019-10/Visit_Anglo_Saxons.pdf

Museum of London (Docklands) -

- <https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/collections/about-our-collections/what-we-collect/saxon-and-medieval#:~:text=The%20Museum%20of%20London%27s%20medieval,objects%20of%20the%20Saxon%20period.>
- <https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/museum-london-docklands/plan-your-visit>

Autumn 2 – Year 4 – Anglo-Saxons and Vikings Homework

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term, we are going to be learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings and the changes that took place in Britain and parts of Europe during that time. Please see the above knowledge organiser overleaf for support with key ideas.

Reading

Remember to read each day and get an adult to sign your reading record. Don't forget to collect your rewards for reading!



WRITING, DT and ART

You have a scrap book to use to complete your homework project. Over the next few weeks, complete some of these activities.

COMPLETE AT LEAST TWO OF THE WRITING TASKS:

- 1) Write a diary entry of a Viking or Anglo-Saxon warrior invading a settlement.
- 2) Create your own Viking character and describe them. (Remember to use adjectives and similes.)
- 3) Write a letter to a Viking warrior OR an Anglo-Saxon craftsperson, asking them about things you want to learn.

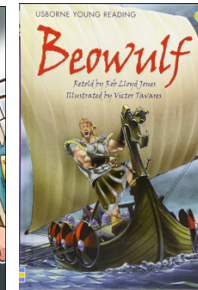
NOW CHOOSE SOME OR ALL OF THESE

1. Design/make your own shield
2. Draw a Viking longboat
3. Create your own Viking or Anglo-Saxon home, drawing or making!



Recommended Reads:

Learn about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings:



Home Learning Links:

BBC Bitesize – Anglo – Saxons (videos, facts and activities).

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

BBC Teach – The Anglo-Saxons - Seven

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/history-ks2-anglo-saxons-index/zhtdd6f>

BBC Bitesize – Vikings (videos, facts and activities).

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztyr9j6>

Horrible Histories – The Anglo-Saxon Report –

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-s5MkSv5_P4