

Year 4 History Knowledge Organiser – Anglo-Saxons

Curriculum Objectives

- I know about Britain's settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots.
- I can use sources of information in ways that go beyond simple observations to answer questions about the past.
- I can Use a variety of resources to find out about aspects of life in the past.
- I can understand that sources can contradict each other.
- I can place some historical periods in a chronological framework.
- Use historic terms related to the period of study.

Key Knowledge

Vocabulary

AD	Used to record historical dates as a number of years after Christ's birth: Anno Domini
Anglo-Saxons	Two Germanic tribes who invade England from Germany
Celts	The dominant population in Britain until the arrival of the Anglo-Saxons
Century	A period of 100 years, often used to describe different historical periods
Dark Ages	A term used to describe the years that followed the end of the Roman empire
Pagan	A person who believed in many gods
Sutton Hoo	The site of an Anglo-Saxon ship burial from the 7th century
Wessex and Mercia	Two of the most powerful Anglo-Saxon kingdoms
People	
Alfred the Great	The Anglo-Saxon king of Wessex who defeated the Vikings
Athelstan	Grandson of Alfred the Great who unified England as one country.
Augustine	A monk sent from Rome to convert England to Christianity

Key Questions

- Where and when did the Anglo-Saxons arrive in Britain?
- What were Anglo-Saxon settlements like?
- What did life in an Anglo-Saxon village look like?
- What we can learn from 'Sutton Hoo'?
- How did Anglo-Saxon religion change during their time in Britain?

Key Dates - Chronology

AD 410	The last Romans leave Britain.
AD 430	First Christian Church in Britain is built in Whithorn, Scotland
AD 450	German Saxons settle in Kent
AD 516	Battle of Mount Badon
AD 570	The heptarchy (seven kingdoms of Northumbria, Mercia, East Anglia, Essex, Sussex, Wessex, Kent) emerges in England
AD 597	St Augustine brings Christianity to England from Rome
AD 600	First law code written in English in Aethelbert's kingdom in Kent
AD 613	Northumbrian Kings rule over most of England
AD 731	Bede (an English monk) completes ecclesiastical history
AD 757	Offa becomes King of Mercia and, arguably, first King of England
AD 789	First recorded Viking attack (Dorset)
AD 793	Viking attack on Lindisfarne