Subject: History

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Saxon kings are Alfred

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Prior Learning:		Unit of Learning: The effects of Anglo-Saxon settlement in B	ritain
Year 1: Toys Now and Then, Victorian Homes, Famous Aviators; Amy Johnson, Amelia Earhart,		Who were the Anglo-Saxons and why did they invade and settle in Britain?	
The Wright Brothers		What did the Anglo-Saxons leave behind?	
Year 2: Seaside Now and T	hen, The Great Fire of London, Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingal	le	
Year 3: Pre-history- The St	one Age to the Iron Age and Roman Britain		
National Curriculum Links:			
The effects of Anglo-Saxor	n settlement in Britain:		
	settlement by Anglo-Saxons		
	ous beliefs (Paganism and Christianity)		
<ul><li>Customs, myths a</li></ul>	and legends		
<ul> <li>The Venerable Be</li> </ul>	ede .	W.	
<ul><li>Viking raids and s</li></ul>	ettlement and Anglo-Saxon resistance		
<del>-</del>	t of a united English kingdom. Early "kings" of England including Ethel	red, Alfred, Athelstan and Cnut.	
·	Autumi	n Term	
Concept Thread	Historical Knowledge	Line of Enquiry	Vocabulary and Resources
Power: Invasion	Recap from prior learning	Ongoing throughout the unit of learning:	BC, AD,
Anglo-Saxon settlers had	To know when the Anglo-Saxons settled in Britain and to place it	Developing the timeline of the Anglo-Saxon, Scots and Viking	Settlement, migration,
a leader or war-chief.	on a timeline.	invasion and settlement in Britain.	invasion, conquest, raiding
The Anglo-Saxon had	Near the end of Roman rule, Britain was being attacked by	Create a timeline to go on a line across the classroom – look at	
kings and their rule was	the Picts and Scots from the north, and the Anglo-Saxons from	the historical units they have covered already and place the	Archaeology, evidence,
passed onto their	the sea.	Anglo-Saxon, Scots and Vikings on that timeline. Reflect on	artefacts
children.	The Romans built forts to defend the coast and Hadrian's	similarities and differences between previous taught units.	Picts, Scots, Anglo-Saxons,
Anglo-Saxons ruled for	Wall defended the north.		Vikings
about three centuries,	Saxon warriors were invited to Britain in around AD380 to help		
and during this time	the Romans fight the <b>Picts</b> .	Enquiry 1	Forts, Hadrian's Wall,
they formed the basis	The last Roman soldiers were ordered to leave in	How do we know about the Anglo-Saxons?	Scandinavia, Nydam boat
for the English	around <b>AD410.</b> Britain no longer had the strong Roman army to		
monarchy and laws. The	defend it from the invaders. There were many battles between	Understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from	
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Year group: Year 4

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a range of sources and that different versions of past events

Paganism, Pagan,

Christianity

Anglo-Saxons and Britons. Over time, the Anglo-Saxons took

control of most of Britain.

the Great and Canute the Great.

### Religion

Anglo-Saxon Paganism to Christianity Anglo-Saxon Gods/Goddesses Lucky charms and superstitions

#### Technology/Inventions

The Anglo-Saxons were excellent at building boats and sailing across the seas.

Anglo-Saxons: The **Nydam** Boat. The most famous early Germanic boat.

Literature and the recording of history:

# The Anglo-Saxon Chronicles

In the late 9th Century, under King Alfred the Great of England, scholars compiled a history of the island from the invasion by Julius Caesar to 891. The narrative, drawn from many historical accounts, was known as the Anglo Saxon Chronicle. After Alfred's death, the

After the Romans left, Christianity continued in places where Anglo-Saxons did not settle, like Wales and the west. The Anglo-Saxons had their

own gods, beliefs and superstitions.

Anglo-Saxons believed in lucky charms. They thought that rhymes, potions, stones and jewels would protect them from evil spirits or sickness.

Over time their beliefs changed and many Anglo-Saxons were converted to Christianity.

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The **Picts** were better organised, more unified, and had a more powerful army. The **Scots**, on the other hand, were unruly, untrustworthy, cunning, but fierce fighters. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zxsbcdm

# To know why the Anglo-Saxons invaded Britain

#### To fight

The Anglo-Saxons arrived firstly as warriors employed by the Roman army and then, two generations later, as settlers, to farm the land.

#### To farm

Many Anglo-Saxons came peacefully, to find land to farm. Their homelands in **Scandinavia** often flooded so it was tough to grow enough food back there.

#### To make new homes

Whole families set sail across the sea in small boats to live in Britain. They brought tools, weapons and farm animals with them and built new villages.

Archaeological evidence and written recordings, monasteries, early churches, grave goods and religious artefacts.

The most important piece of evidence was the Anglo-Saxon Chronicles

Analyse and describe Anglo-Saxon artefacts and explain what they can teach us about Anglo-Saxon culture.



Select an artefact and write questions about what they would like to find out about it, then on the next line record their research findings.

#### **Enquiry 2**

Find out why the Anglo-Saxons might have come to Britain?
Discuss the reasons
Identify four reasons in their books
Write a description for each.

To Fight	To Farm
To make a new home	They were invited

Cyning, war-chief, bretwalda, Seven Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms,

Written evidence **Anglo-Saxon Chronicle**St Cuthbert of Lindisfarne

Bede was one of the greatest scholars of the Anglo-Saxon period. He produced a large number of works on subjects as varied as science, music, poetry and biblical commentary, but he is most famous for his Ecclesiastical History of the English People, one of our best-written sources for early English history.

Ecclesiastical
means belonging to or
connected with the
Christian Church.

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Chronicles were continued, with some versions being updated yearly until 1154. Today, the Anglo Saxon Chronicles are the most important source for early English history. Among the events described in the Chronicles are the Roman withdrawal from England, the first Viking raids on the island, and the Battle of Hastings that led to Norman rule.

They were invited: With Picts and Scots attacking from the north, the Britons invited some Anglo-Saxons to help defend them. But they didn't leave! They took over.

Anglo-Saxon Britain wasn't ruled by one person and the Anglo-Saxons were not united. They arrived as many different tribes and each took over different parts of Britain. The Jutes, Angles and Saxons.

## To know the seven Anglo-Saxon kingdoms.

Anglo-Saxon Britain was divided and ruled very differently to the way we know now. By 556, Britain was divided into 7 Kingdoms: Northumbria, Mercia, Wessex, Sussex, Kent, Essex and East Anglia. Each was ruled by a different king. They fought to defend their kingdom or take control of other kingdoms. (See Map)

#### Power

How were these kingdoms ruled?

- Each group of Anglo-Saxon settlers had a leader or warchief.
- A strong and successful leader became cyning, the Anglo-Saxon word for 'king'.
- Each king ruled a kingdom and led a small army.
- The Anglo-Saxon kings were from ruling families who passed their power on to their children.
- From time to time, the strongest king would claim to be 'bretwalda', which meant ruler of all Britain.

### **Enquiry 3**

Identifying the 7 kingdoms

Using a map of Britain, the children identify the 7 kingdoms by name and colour the area.

Summarise how these kingdoms were ruled and defended. (See map below)

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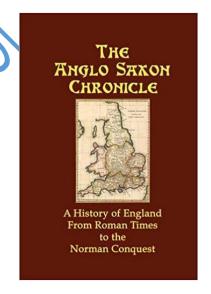
	To know a key historical character from that time period	Enquiry 4	
		Find out about the kings of the Anglo-Saxon period.	
	Egbert was the first Anglo-Saxon king to rule England. The last	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zxsbcdm/articles/	
	Anglo-Saxon king was Harold II in 1066. The two most famous Anglo-Saxon kings are <b>Alfred the Great</b> and <b>Canute the Great</b> .	<u>z9tdq6f#z4c72v46</u>	
	The Anglo-Saxon period covers about 600 years, and Anglo-	Why was Alfred called 'Alfred the Great'	
	Saxon kings ruled England for about 300 years.	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zxsbcdm/articles/	
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		Create a timeline of the Kings record in books	
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		Research and record in books about King Alfred the Great	
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Learning outcome:	To summarise the unit of learning by discussing:		
	Who were the Anglo-Saxons and why did they invade and settle in	n Britain?	
	What did the Anglo-Saxons leave behind?		
	To share their knowledge with others and to be confident to talk about what they have discovered about this period in history.		

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## A bespoke scheme of learning for History

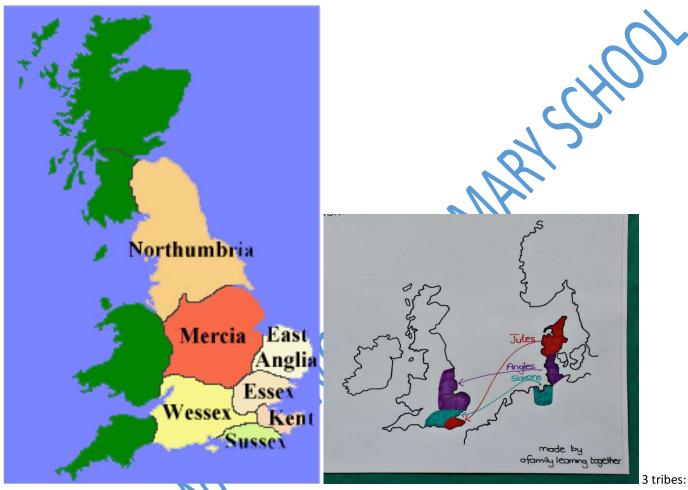








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3 tribes: Jutes, Angles, Saxons

## The 7 kingdoms

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