

Alder Coppice Primary School — Knowledge Organiser

HISTORY

Year: **4**

Unit 2: The Anglo Saxons and Vikings

Links to: Year 3 Romans - Pre1066

What I Should Already Know:

About the Roman occupation and the demise of the Roman Empire
About Invasion & Settlement
The history of Britain from Stone-Age to Roman Rule

Key Facts

Over the centuries, the Roman Empire was attacked from multiple sides including the Scots, the Picts and the Angles and Saxons. Over the years the Roman Empire fell and grew, until its eventual demise in 1095.

The Romans, Angles, Saxons and Vikings all followed the same pattern and started off as raiders, then became invaders and then settlers. The Angles, Saxons and Jutes set up Kingdoms on bigger chunks of land.

The Anglo Saxons and Vikings were constantly battling for power.

Many Vikings became Christians so that they could trade with other people and places.

Key Skills & Enquiry

Assess validity and reliability of historical sources

Historical questioning

THEMES:
Chronology,
Change &
Continuity,
Characteristic
Features,
Enquiry &
Interpretations

Subject Vocabulary:

Conflict – a serious disagreement or argument or a struggle between people, which may be physical.

Society – is the term to describe human beings living together in a community.

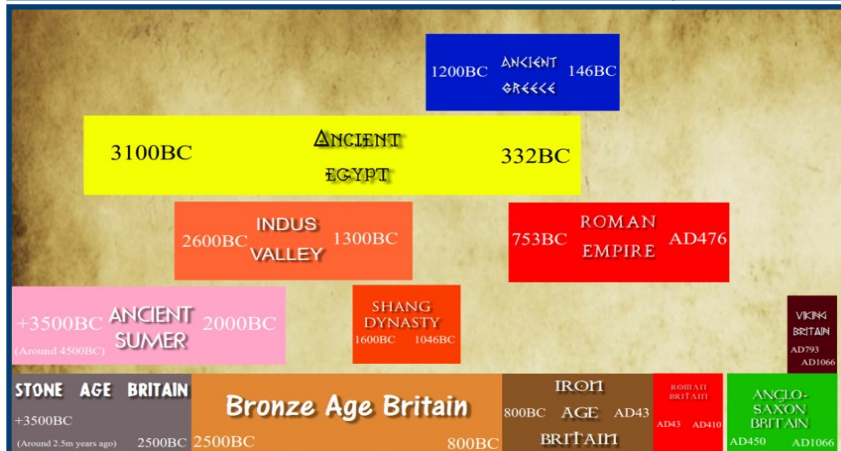
Settlement – A community of people moving to a particular place.

Artefacts – an object made by a human being, typically one of cultural or historical interest.

Civilisation – the stage of human social and cultural development and organisation that is considered most advanced.

Empire – an extensive group or states or countries ruled over by a single monarch, an oligarchy, or a sovereign.

Angles	Tribes from modern day Denmark.
Demise	The end or death of someone or something
Defenceless	Something left unprotected.
Defend	To protect someone or something.
Polytheistic	A religion that involves worshipping more than one god.
Picts	Tribes originally from Scotland who were 'foul' and had a 'lust for blood'.
Romans	The Romans invaded and settled in Britain over years, starting with their first successful raid in BC.
Saxons	German-Dutch tribes who settled in Britain from around AD.
Scots	People from Ireland, who, like the Picts, were fierce and powerful fighters.



By around 420 AD, the last of the **Romans** had returned home and left Britain vulnerable to invasions. Irish **Scots** invaded Scotland. The Picts and **Scots** were a constant threat to Britons still living in England, especially without the **Romans** for support.

The **Angles** and the **Saxons** began to invade and settle from parts of modern day Denmark and Germany. Many Britons were captured and killed.

Many areas, towns and villages in Britain are named after the Anglo-Saxons who first settled here.

