

Bill Quay Primary School: Knowledge Organiser

Year 4

Unit: The Saxons, Vikings and Scots

What I should already know:

- Roman Britain was part of a huge empire ruled from Rome.
- Julius Caesar tried to invade Britain twice in BC 56 and BC 54.
- The Iron Age lasted from 800 BC until AD 43 when the Romans invaded under Emperor Claudius.
- Under Roman rule, Christianity came to Britain.
- Under Roman rule, there were many social classes, including slaves.
- **The Romans built Hadrian's wall to keep out the Picts.**
- Roman rule lasted until AD410. Many examples of Roman buildings remain for us to see today.



By the end of this unit, I will know:

- The Anglo-Saxons invaded for a number of reasons.
- They came from Germany and Denmark.
- Much of the Roman impact was lost when the Romans left.
- In the Anglo-Saxon period, Britain became a Christian country.
- There were 7 kingdoms. Wessex was the leading kingdom.
- King Alfred was the first King of England.
- **Bede was a monk who lived in Jarrow monastery.**
- The Vikings started with raids on important religious sites.



Vocabulary

Angles	People from Germany who invaded Britain around AD 410.
Anglo-Saxons	The name given to people who travelled from Germany and southern Denmark to Britain around AD 410.
Artefact	An object from the past that shows evidence of what life was like.
Bede	A monk who wrote about life in Anglo-Saxon Britain.
Christianity	The religion based on the teaching of Jesus Christ.
Invasion	To try and take over a land by force.
Jutes	A tribe of people who invaded Britain from northern Denmark.
King Alfred	The King of Wessex who eventually became the first king of England.
Migration	Movement from one place to another in order to settle there.
Scots	People from Ireland who eventually settled in Scotland.
Settlement	When people migrate to a new place and start a new community.
Vikings	People who came from Scandinavia. The first recorded Viking raid was in AD 789..

Timeline

AD 396 - 398: Picts, Scots and Saxons constantly raid Roman Britain.

AD 450: The Anglo-Saxons began to settle alongside the Britons.

AD 597: St Augustine helps missionaries spread the word about Christianity. King Ethelbert converts to Christianity.

AD 789: The Vikings begin to raid Britain.

AD 410: Romans leave Britain to defend Rome which was under attack. Angles, Saxons and Jutes make their way from Germany and South Denmark.

AD 500: By AD 500, the seven kingdoms had been created.

AD 731: Bede completes the Ecclesiastical History of English Peoples.

