

St Saviour's Catholic Primary and Nursery School



Subject: History

Topic: The Norman Conquest

Year: 5

What should I already know?

- What Britain was like before 1066.
- How the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings lived.

What am I going to learn?

- Why there was a succession crisis in 1066.
- The 3 main contenders for the throne were Harold Godwinson, Harald Hardrada and William of Normandy
- The events of the battle of Stamford Bridge and the Battle of Hastings.
- Harold Godwinson was crowned on 6th January 1066, and became King Harold II.
- Harold Hardrada became King.
- William, the Duke of Normandy won the Battle of Hastings. His victory changed the course of history. It was the end of the Anglo-Saxon rule, and the beginning of Norman England.
- William of Normandy faced many problems before he was officially crowned the king of England.
- William was crowned the king of England on 25th December, 1066. He is often referred to as William the Conqueror.
- William built many castles to protect himself and fellow Normans.
- William introduced the feudal system (a power structure where people were given land in return for loyalty and services.)
- The Domesday Book was a public record of all the towns, villages, and individuals living within the Kingdom of England in 1085.

Vocabulary

Cavalry- soldiers who fight on horseback

Claimant- Someone believing they should be king

Feigned Retreat Pretending to run away so that enemy is tricked into following

Feudal System- Hierarchy of society, with the King at the top

Fyrd- Anglo-Saxon soldiers who joined the army at times of trouble. They were usually farmers and were poorly trained.

Housecarls- Full-time, well-trained Anglo-Saxon warriors

Oath- A very serious promise

Shield Wall- Overlapping shields in battle for protection

Archers- A soldier who shoots with a bow and arrows.

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| 1043 | Edward the Confessor crowned King of England |
| 1064 | Harold's embassy to Normandy |
| Jan 1066 | Death of Edward the Confessor |
| 20 Sept 1066 | Battle of Fulford gate |
| 25 Sept 1066 | Battle of Stamford Bridge |
| 14 Oct 1066 | Battle of Hastings |
| 1069 /70 | Northern Revolt and Harrying of the North |
| 1085 | Surveying for the Domesday Book begin |

Useful Websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z3s9j6f>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/z4xjmfr>

