

St Saviour's Catholic Primary and Nursery School



Subject: History

Topic: Anglo Saxons and Vikings

Year: 5

What should I already know?

- The Anglo-Saxons invaded and settled in Britain from 450AD.
- The early Anglo-Saxons were Pagans and worshipped many Gods until Christianity became the main religion around 600AD.

What am I going to learn?

- What Britain was like before the first Viking invasion around 780AD.
- How the Vikings settled in Britain and how this affected the Anglo-Saxons.
- The Vikings were invaders and settlers who came from the Scandinavian countries: Denmark, Sweden & Norway and travelled by longboats.
- The word "Viking" meant "pirate raid" in the Old Norse language.
- The Viking age in European history was from about AD700 to 1100.
- King Alfred was known as 'Alfred the Great'
- The Vikings were pagans, not Christians like most people living in Britain at the time.
- The most important city in the Danelaw was the city of York, or 'Jorvik', as the Vikings knew it. Over 10,000 people lived there and it was an important place to trade goods.
- How England became a unified country.
- Know more about the end of the Anglo-Saxon and Viking era in Britain.

Vocabulary

Anglo-Saxons – They were a mix of tribes from Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands.

Monastery- A place where monks live.

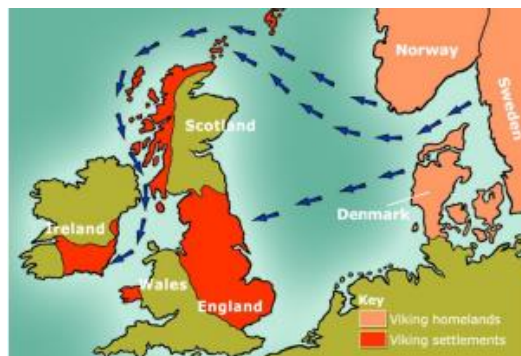
Runes- Scripture or writing carved using tools, into stone, bone, wood and metal.

Scandinavia- An area in northern Europe that includes countries such as Norway, Sweden, Denmark.

Longboats- A type of Viking warship.

Raid - A surprise attack.

Danelaw- an area in the north of England ruled by the Vikings.



Useful Websites

[What happened to the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings? - BBC Bitesize](#)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztyr9j6/articles/zy9j2hv>

