



St Leo's and Southmead  
Catholic Nursery and Primary

Year  
Five

History- Anglo Saxons and Vikings  
Knowledge Organiser

Spring  
Term

Amazing Activities  
Visit the war memorial  
at St Nicholas' church

### Key Concepts

Understand and explain how the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain?

Know why this period is often referred to as the Dark Ages?

Give an overview of what life was like in the 8th century before the Viking invasions?

Know when the Vikings first invaded Britain  
Understand reasons for the Viking invasion

Understand why King Alfred was dubbed 'great' and describe the role he played in creating England a unified country

Describe how the Vikings gained control of the northeast of England  
Identify similarities and differences between Viking and Anglo-Saxon life

Explain that England was a unified country by 1016 and describe the key figures and their roles within the process

Know the events that led up to the battle of Hastings and that the battle ended the era of Anglo-Saxon and Viking rule in England

### Anglo-Saxons & Vikings

#### Key Vocabulary

**Angles**—People from Denmark who invaded Britain

**Celts**—People who were native to Britain

**Community**—the people living in an area

**Dark Ages**— The 500 years following the Romans leaving Britain which involved long, bloody and devastating battles

**Frisians**—People from Holland who invaded Britain

**Invasion**—One country attacking another in order to take it over

**Jutes**— People from Denmark who invaded Britain

**Pagan**—People who worshipped more than one God, or did not believe in or respect religion

**Saxons**— a people from Germany who invaded Britain

**Settlement**—a community of people smaller than a town

**Unified**—united or made whole, no longer split into separate parts

**Vikings**—a group of people from Norway, Sweden and Denmark (Scandinavia)

#### Skills

- Use dates to order and place events on a timeline.
- Compare sources of information available for the study of different times in the past.
- Understand that the type of information available depends on the period of time studied.
- Evaluate the usefulness of a variety of sources.
- Provide an account of a historical event based on more than one source.
- Understand some reasons for some important historical events.
- Use evidence to support arguments.
- Describe a study of an aspect or a theme in British history.
- Describe the Vikings and Anglo Saxons struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor.



The kings of Anglo-Saxon Britain ruled their own kingdom and the people in it. They also controlled their own army. Kings constantly fought to control other kingdoms and defend their land. When the Anglo-Saxons first settled there were 7 kingdoms. However, by 878AD there was only 1 kingdom left: Wessex, ruled by King Alfred the Great. The other kingdoms had been overrun by the Vikings

#### Curriculum Links

- Computing—use a range of software to present information