

Key vocabulary

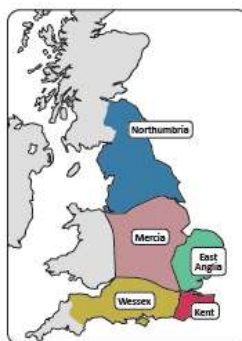
Anglo-Saxon	The period in Britain from the end of Roman rule to the Norman Conquest in 1066. Anglo-Saxons were descendants of Angles, Saxons and Jutes.
Christianity	A religion based on the teachings of Jesus Christ.
conquer	Overcome and take control of a place or people.
Danegeld	A tax collected from the Anglo-Saxon people paid to the Viking invaders in exchange for peace.
heptarchy	The seven kingdoms into which England was divided in cAD 600: East Anglia, Essex, Kent, Mercia, Northumbria, Sussex and Wessex.
hierarchy	A system in a society where people are organised into different levels of importance from highest to lowest.
invasion	When a foreign army enters a country by force.
monastery	A building where monks live, work, study and pray, separate from the outside world.
monk	A member of a male religious community who lives in a monastery.
pagan	A person who believes in many gods, or does not follow one of the world's major religions.
raid	A sudden attack, which aims to cause damage.
Scandinavia	An area of Europe, which includes Sweden, Norway and Denmark.
wattle and daub	A traditional building material made from woven twigs or sticks and mud.

After the Romans left Britannia in AD 410, many towns fell into disrepair and the country became vulnerable to attack. This marked the beginning of a period of invasions from different groups: Picts and Scots from Scotland and Ireland; Anglo-Saxons from Germany, the Netherlands and Denmark; Vikings from Scandinavia and Normans from France. This time in history is called the early Middle Ages.

The heptarchy



The five English kingdoms cAD 800

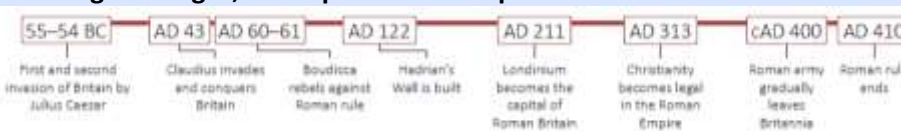


What will I learn about?

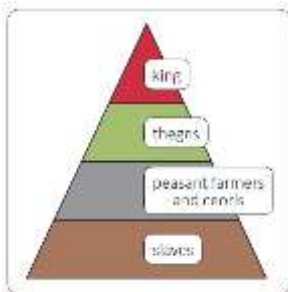
Invasion timeline
Significant events of the early Middle Ages
Anglo-Saxon invasion
Anglo-Saxon kingdoms
Anglo-Saxon monasteries
Everyday life in Anglo-Saxon Britain
Anglo-Saxon legacy
The first Viking landing
Viking raids at Lindisfarne
Surrender or fight back?
Significant person – King Athelstan
Norman invasion

How does this link to my previous learning?

Y3 Through the Ages; Y3 Emperors and Empires



Anglo-Saxon kingdom hierarchy



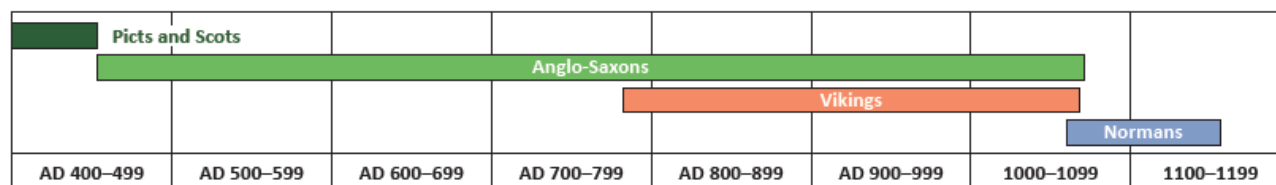
Viking longboat



Bayeux tapestry showing the Battle of Hastings, 1066



King Athelstan AD 924-939



Timeline showing the periods of invasion and settlement in Britain from AD 410-1199