

Vikings and Anglo-Saxons

History

- Add the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings on a class timeline and then create an exploded timeline of important events in the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings reign.

Prior learning: When adding the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings onto a timeline, we look at the other key events we have learnt about: Ancient Egypt, Shang Dynasty (yr4), Ancient Greeks (yr4), Stone Age (yr3), Romans (yr3), Great fire of London (yr2) and the moon landings (yr1).

- Understand where the Vikings lived and how they travelled to, and raided, Anglo-Saxon settlements for their treasures.

Prior learning: Consider how other groups like the Roman Empire (yr3), Ancient Greece and the Shang Dynasty (yr4) invaded other countries and why.

- Learn about how the Viking and Anglo-Saxon period came to an end during the Battle of Stamford Bridge and the Battle of Hastings.

Prior learning: When learning about Ancient Greece (yr4) we learnt about how Ancient Greece fell due to Roman (yr3) conquest.

Geography

- The Vikings originated from the Scandinavian countries of Norway, Denmark and Sweden. We will identify these on a map and learn how they travelled to and settled in parts of the United Kingdom as well as parts of Europe (such as France & Italy) and even Canada.

Prior learning: In Year 3, we identified where Rome and Italy was as well as in Year 4 locating Greece and its surrounding seas and countries and understanding they are in Europe.

Vocabulary

Scandinavia—Viking homelands of Norway, Denmark and Sweden

Runes—Letters from an ancient alphabet

Vikings—Raiders from Scandinavia (800AD-1066) who settled in Great Britain/Iceland. An 'old Norse' term meaning traveller.

Anglo-Saxons—Religious inhabitants of England from 410AD-1066 before the Norman conquest.

Pillage—to rob a place using violence

Concepts

Letters- Writing was developed during the Viking times and was said to hold protective powers. They did not write on paper but often carved Runes into wood, stone and even weapons.

Battle— Consider how battles during the Vikings were similar/dissimilar to those of Ancient Greece & Rome and the Shang Dynasty.