



**What should I already know?**

- That's the stone age, bronze age and Roman era came before the Anglo Saxon era.
- That civilisations developed over time.

**Knowledge**

- The Vikings came from the modern Scandinavian countries of Denmark, Norway and Sweden. They travelled in boats called longships and first arrived in Britain around AD 787. The Vikings raided places such as monasteries and pillaged expensive items to trade.
- They were looking for valuable goods like gold and jewels, imported foods and other useful materials
- The Vikings also wanted to claim land and tried to take over much of Britain. They invaded and settled in Scotland before heading south to places such as York. By AD 878 the Vikings had settled permanently in Britain.
- The kings of Anglo-Saxon Britain each ruled their own kingdom and the people in it. They fought to defend their kingdom or take control of other kingdoms. When the Anglo-Saxons first settled in Britain, there were seven kingdoms, but by AD 878 there was just one kingdom left (Wessex) as the others had been overrun by the Vikings. Many Anglo-Saxon kings tried to resist the Vikings and fought hard to keep control of their land. King Alfred the Great was the best known Anglo-Saxon king and the first to defeat the Vikings in battle.

**Anglo Saxons and Viking (History)**

**Skills**

Anglo Saxons

- Why did the Romans leave Britain?
- Who were the Anglo Saxons and why didn't they choose to live in the towns the Romans left behind?
- What does Sutton Hoo tell us about the Anglo Saxon world?

Vikings

- What was the "terror" that appeared in Britain on June 8<sup>th</sup> 793?
- Why was the design of their longships so important to the Vikings?
- How were Viking shields designed?
- What were the treasures that most Viking Norsemen wanted from Britain?

**Vocabulary**

- Danegeld- "Paying the Dane". King Etherlred paid the Vikings 4500kg of silver to go home but they kept returning and were paid 22,000kg of silver in Danegeld altogether.
- Exile- To be sent away.
- Invade- To enter and occupy land.
- Kingdom- An area ruled by a king.
- Longship- A long, wooden, narrow boat used by the Vikings.
- Outlawed- Having all property taken away and no longer being able to live in the community.
- Pagans- A religion where many gods and goddesses are worshipped.
- Pillaged- To violently steal something.
- Raid- A surprise attack.
- Wergild- A payment system used to settle disputes between a criminal and the victim or their family

