



St James' Church of England Primary School

History Overview Sheet



Year 3 – Anglo-Saxon Britain



Rationale: This Anglo-Saxons and Scots unit will teach your class about the invasions of the Scots and Anglo-Saxons in the 5th century. They will find out where the invading troops came from and where in Britain they managed to settle and then they will go on to investigate how life in Britain changed as a result. The children will have the opportunity to learn how the Anglo-Saxons influenced the English language, with an emphasis on the origins of some English place names, and they will also examine and analyse artefacts from the period and draw their own conclusions about what they can teach us about life in Anglo-Saxon Britain. In addition to this they will also learn what life was like in a typical Anglo-Saxon village, what jobs people did and what the houses were like.

Pre-unit task: What do we know? KWL Grid/task

Attention Grabber:

Learning Objectives:

- Continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British and world history, establishing key narratives within and across the periods they study by learning why, where and how the invasions of Britain took place after the Roman withdrawal
- Construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation of historical information by knowing where the Anglo-Saxons settled and what they named the places they settled in.
- Understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources and that different versions of past events may exist, giving some reasons for this by examining and learning about Anglo-Saxon artefacts and deducing what they can teach us about Anglo-Saxon culture
- Regularly address and sometimes devise historically valid questions about change, cause, similarity and difference and significance by learning about how the Anglo-Saxons were converted to Christianity in Britain

Overview:

- Lesson 1: I can describe why, where and when the Scots and Anglo-Saxons invaded Britain
- Lesson 2: I can understand how the Anglo-Saxons have influenced Britain
- Lesson 3: I can describe a typical Anglo-Saxon village and explain what jobs the people did.
- Lesson 4: I can analyse and describe Anglo-Saxon artefacts
- Lesson 5: I can explain the religious beliefs and practices of the early Anglo-Saxon people
- Lesson 6: I can explain the work of people who helped convert the Anglo-Saxons to Christianity

Cross Curricular Links

Resources

- Access to books/internet for research
- Maps or atlases
- Gods masks or props for role play if available

Impact/Assessment

Most Children will: • Explain how life in Britain changed as a result of the Anglo-Saxon and Scots invasions, recognising similarities and differences. • Be able to analyse historical evidence and artefacts to make claims about Anglo-Saxon life and culture. • Describe the work of some key individuals at the time.

Less Able Children will: • Say who the Anglo-Saxons and Scots were and when and why they invaded Britain. • Be able to explain some key features of life in Anglo-Saxon Britain. • Describe some artefacts that have been discovered.

More Able Children will: • Demonstrate a deep understanding of how life in Britain has been shaped by the Anglo Saxons by composing accurate, detailed accounts on Anglo-Saxon culture, religion and society using a range of evidence sources and artefacts to support their conclusions.