

History

Anglo-Saxons

Year 4

Summer 1

Key Knowledge

410 CE	Roman army left Britain
597 CE	St Augustine brought Christianity to Britain from Rome
601 CE	King Ethelbert of Kent converted to Christianity
793 CE	Monastery at Lindisfarne raided by Vikings
927 CE	Kingdom of England created

Background Information

The Anglo-Saxons were the descendants of three different tribes who invaded Britain after the Roman army left Britain in 410 CE. The Angles and the Saxons came from what is now Northern Germany and the Jutes came from Denmark. The land they conquered was split into small kingdoms and the new invaders brought their own building methods, religious beliefs and language. During their rule, Christianity spread as monks from Rome came to England. Living in almost constant conflict, the Anglo-Saxons ruled large parts of England until 1066, the year that England was conquered by William, Duke of Normandy, after his victory at the Battle of Hastings.

Historical Skills and Enquiry

- Explain how the Roman withdrawal contributed to Anglo-Saxon settlement.
- Describe what Anglo-Saxon life was like for all groups of people.
- Ask questions and find out the answers about the Anglo-Saxons and Scots.
- Use more than one source to find out what Anglo-Saxon life was like. Compare the accuracy of these sources.
- Describe different accounts of the Anglo-Saxon settlement from different perspectives, explaining some of the reasons why the accounts may differ.
- Suggest reasons why the Anglo-Saxons settled in Britain.
- Explain how Britain changed with the Anglo-Saxon settlement.
- Place events on a timeline using dates.
- Compare Anglo-Saxon Britain with Roman life.
- Explain what religious beliefs were before the spread of Christianity and how the spread of Christianity impacted Britain.
- Present what you know about the Anglo-Saxons using a variety of skills (e.g. Geography English, Maths, Computing)

Key Vocabulary

BCE	Before Common Era
CE	Common Era
Angles	People from Germany who invaded Britain around 410 CE
Saxons	People from northern and central Germany who invaded Britain around 410 CE
Picts	Ancient tribes who lived in northern Scotland
Jutes	people from the Jutland peninsula (Germany and Southern Denmark) who invaded Britain around 410 CE
Invasion	To try and take over a place by force
Monk	A member of a male religious community
Settlement	People who migrate to a new place. When people start a community

Anglo-Saxon migration



Seven Kingdoms of Anglo-Saxon Britain

