

# Anglo-Saxons and Vikings

## Invaders and Settlers

- Why the Angles, Saxons and Jutes came to England.
- Where they came from.
- When they came.
- 7 Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms: Northumbria, Mercia, Wessex, East Anglia, Essex, Sussex, Kent

## Anglo-Saxon Life

- Anglo-Saxon place names (*ham, worth, ley, ing, wocc (Wokingham, Woking), wic, ton, tun*) that are still used.
- Buildings: wattle and daub, thatching, fire holes, fire pits, pit under house. How different buildings had different uses.
- Farming, leisure, clothing, jobs.
- How, why and where settlements were created by the Anglo-Saxons.

## Anglo-Saxon Beliefs, Art and Culture.

- Paganism – Gods and Goddesses
- Rise of Christianity during Anglo-Saxon times.
- Runes
- Myths and storytelling – It's importance in culture.
- Poetry
- Music
- Feasting
- Jewellery and amulets

## Anglo-Saxon Kings and Laws

- King Ethelbert, King Offa and King Alfred.
- The system of law and order and the class system.

## Viking Trade

- The Vikings traded all over Europe and as far east as Central Asia.
- They bought goods and materials such as **silver, silk, spices, wine, jewellery, glass and pottery.**
- In return, they sold items like honey, tin, wheat, wool, wood, iron, fur, leather, fish and walrus ivory.
- Vikings **bought** and **sold** slaves too.

## Viking Invasion and Warriors

- AD892, 300 Viking ships invaded Britain to fight King Alfred of Wessex. There were 20 men in each Viking ship, the army of AD892 numbered 6000.
- Came from Denmark and Sweden 'Danes' / 'Norse people'.
- Why they came to Briton.
- Longboats, armour and weapons.

## Viking Art and Culture

- Gods and Goddesses.
- Viking creation myth (Norse Mythology).
- The Norse 9 worlds (Asgard), Tree of Life.
- Their writing, sagas and legacies.

## Viking Way of Life

- Viking longhouses, settlements.
- Laws.
- Jobs.
- Viking clothing.
- Viking Place names we still use: -thorpe, -by, -kirk.
- Farming.
- Area ruled by Vikings – Danelaw.

## Vocabulary

**Invaders** - a person or group that invades a country, region, or other places

**Settlers** - a person who moves with a group of others to live in a new country or area.

**Anglo – Saxon** - People who came from the Germany to live in England during the 5th century.

**Viking** - People who travelled from Northern Europe to other regions including England. The Vikings raided and traded with other regions.

**Kingdom** - A country or place ruled by a King or Queen.

**Raid** - An unexpected attack where an enemy comes to steal and/or destroy.

**Trade** - Buying and selling goods or services.

**Invasion** - To enter a country or a place by force with the intent of taking over.

**Mercia** - An Anglo-Saxon Kingdom in England, once ruled by a King called Offa who made coins for trading.

**Wessex** - An Anglo-Saxon Kingdom in England, once ruled by Alfred the Great.

**Pagan** - A word used to describe people who believe in many Gods and Goddesses, often relating to the natural world. During Anglo-Saxon times people believed many different things.

**Danelaw** - The area of northern and eastern England ruled by the Vikings.

**Danegeld** - Money, or goods, paid by the Anglo-Saxons to the Vikings to stop them invading more places.

**Asgard** – Place inhabited by the Norse Gods.

**Norse** – Scandinavian people from Denmark, Sweden, Germany and Norway who made up the Viking community.