

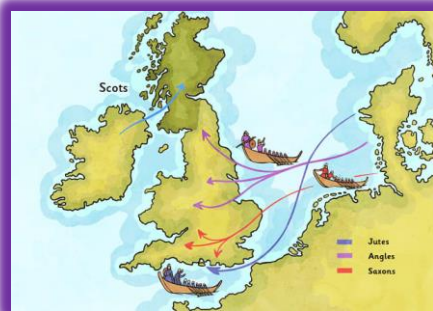
Year 3 Knowledge Organiser- Who were the Anglo Saxons?

What will I learn?

In this topic we will learn:

- Who the Anglo Saxons were
- When the Anglo Saxons were in Great Britain
- Why the Anglo Saxons invaded Great Britain
- Where the Anglo Saxons settled in Great Britain
- Why the Anglo Saxons converted to Christianity
- What Sutton Hoo is and who could have been buried there

My name is Edgar. Now that the Romans have left Britain I have decided to make it my home. It has great farm land, natural resources and lots of rivers to get around. I will be happy here.



Previous learning

What was the Great Fire of London?

What was it like in Early Britain?

You should already know:

- Life in the past was different to my life now
- How to find information from historical sources from the past
- How Britain changed and developed from the Stone Age to the Iron Age

Vocabulary Dozen

Anglo Saxons	A large group of warriors, made up of 3 tribes, who invaded Britain
Christianity	A religion that believes in Jesus Christ
convert	Change from one thing to another
Great Britain	England, Scotland and Wales
invasion	To take over or conquer
King Arthur	A legendary king from a British myth
kingdom	Land that is owned by a king or queen
leisure	An activity that you do in your spare time
Paganism	A religion that has many gods and goddesses
pouch	A small drawstring bag
settlements	The places people live
Sutton Hoo	The site of an important Anglo Saxon grave

Useful Weblinks



Key Knowledge

Who were the Anglo Saxons?	The Anglo Saxons were a large group of farmer-warriors, made up of 3 different tribes; Angles, Saxons and Jutes. They came from Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands.
When were the Anglo Saxons in Great Britain?	The Anglo Saxons were in Great Britain from around 410CE to 1066CE. They came to Britain after the Romans left but before the Vikings arrived.
Why did the Anglo Saxons invade Great Britain?	There are different beliefs to why the Anglo Saxons invaded Great Britain. These are the main beliefs: • They were asked to come, to help keep out invaders from Scotland and Ireland. • Their land was flooded, so they came to Great Britain to farm and grow crops on better land. • They thought Britain was an easy target to invade because the Romans had left, so there was no army.
Where did the Anglo Saxons settle in Great Britain?	They settled in many different parts of the country, but never conquered Scotland, Wales or Cornwall. Many towns and villages still have their Anglo Saxon name today. Most towns and cities have developed next to a river as the river helped with transport, trade and communication. Rivers also provided water. England is named after Angle-land!
Why did the Anglo Saxons convert to Christianity?	The Anglo Saxons were pagans when they first came to Britain, but later converted to Christianity. The pope in Rome sent a missionary to England to persuade the people to become Christians. Christianity quickly spread through England, and many wooden churches were built across Britain.
What is Sutton Hoo and who was buried there?	Sutton Hoo is the site of an Anglo Saxon grave. In 1939 an archaeologist excavated the biggest mound and found an Anglo-Saxon ship buried there. The ship is believed to have belonged to an Anglo-Saxon King because of the artefacts found during the excavation.

Timeline of events



Early Britain



The Romans



The Anglo Saxons



The Vikings