

Topic Statement

During the Spring Term, Beech Class will be learning all about the lives of the 'Anglo-Saxons' considering where and why they settled in Britain.

Within this topic, the children will find out who the Anglo-Saxons were and what is meant by invaders. They will use atlases to locate countries in Europe to identify where the Anglo-Saxons and Scots came from in order to invade Britain. This will develop their awareness of how Britain was split into Kingdoms and how these relate to the modern day counties of Britain. As part of this, they will also learn about the place names they created. As a design and technology project, they will construct a model village before visiting the site of an early Anglo-Saxon site where a village has been reconstructed. In RE, they will develop their understanding of Anglo-Saxon religious beliefs, investigate what Gods were worshipped and finally how and when they converted to Christianity. Throughout this topic, they will have the opportunity to listen to Anglo-Saxon literature and find out about well-known people and characters from that period of time.

Key Vocabulary

Kingdoms	Settlement	Runes
Monastery	Battle	Pagan
Conquer	Angles	Rebellion
Invade	Christianity	King
Invasion	Missionaries	Beowulf
Vikings	Superstitious	Archaeology

Beech Class Summer Term Topic 2022 The Anglo-Saxons

National Curriculum Objectives Covered

History KS2

Britain's settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots.

Examples (non-statutory) This could include:

- Roman withdrawal from Britain in c. AD 410 and the fall of the western Roman Empire
- Scots invasions from Ireland to north Britain (now Scotland)
- Anglo-Saxon invasions, settlements and kingdoms: place names and village life Anglo-Saxon art and culture
- Christian conversion – Canterbury, Iona and Lindisfarne

History KS2

The Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor

History KS2

A local history study - a depth study linked to one of the British areas of study listed above.

Geography KS2

Name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time.

Design and Technology KS2

Using a variety of creative and practical activities, understand the skills needed to engage in an iterative process of designing and making.

Tasks you could try at home!

1. Find out further facts about the Anglo-Saxons
2. Cook a recipe using ingredients found during the time of the Anglo-Saxons
3. Construct an Anglo-Saxon sword and shield
4. Look up West Stow to see where we are visiting. Can you find a good travel route?
5. Visit locations with an Anglo-Saxon history
6. Go to the library and find books about them

