

History- Anglo Saxons

Year Four

Angles- tribes from modern Denmark.

Christianity- People who believe in God and Jesus.

Missionary- a person sent from a religion to spread faith.

Pagan- A religion that worships many gods.

Picts- Tribes originally from Scotland who had a 'lust for blood'.

Romans- People from Rome who invaded and settled in Britain for over 400 years.

Saxons- German/ Dutch tribes who settled in Britain from around 450AD

Scots- People from Ireland who like the Picts were fierce fighters.

Invade- To enter another country with the intention of claiming the land.

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The Anglo-Saxons were the various groups of Germanic-speaking people who inhabited England from the 5th to the 11th century. They consisted of a mix of Angles and Saxon tribes and their ancestors who were predominantly from the Netherlands, Germany and Denmark.

The Anglo-Saxons first tried invading in the 4th century, but the Roman army were quick to send them home again! Years later – around 450AD – the Ancient Romans left Britain, the Anglo-Saxons seized their chance and this time they were successful!

They left their homes in Germany, the Netherlands and Denmark and sailed over to Britain on wooden boats. Many of them were farmers before they came to Britain and it's thought they were on the look-out for new land as floodwaters back home had made it almost impossible to farm.

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| | Lesson Outcome | What you will learn | Learning Review |
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| 1 | Where did the Anglo Saxons and Scots come from? | You will be introduced to our history topic and look at where these two groups of invaders came from before they Invaded Britain. | |
| 2 | When and why did the Anglo Saxons invade Britain? | We will be looking at where the Anglo Saxons originated and when they invaded Britain. We will also be learning about some of the reasons behind the invasion. | |
| 3 | How did the Anglo Saxons change Britain? | We will be looking at life in Britain before the Anglo Saxons invaded and how things changed post invasion. | |
| 4 | What are Anglo Saxon runes? | You will look at the writing within Anglo Saxon Britain. We will be looking at runes which was an alphabet used by the Anglo Saxons. | |
| 5 | Who was King Arthur? | We will be looking at the legend of King Arthur and how this fit into Anglo Saxon Britain. We will be picking apart which parts of this story are true and which have been changed throughout time. | |