

What I already know

- They lived hundreds of years ago.
- Vikings sailed huge ships to battle.
- An awareness of some Norse gods - Odin, Thor and Loki.



Big Question

Were the dark ages really that dark?

History

Year 4

British Invasions

Sticky Knowledge

- Saxons, Vikings and Scottish settlers came from a range of places and sometimes travelled long distances. They contributed greatly to the make-up of this country;
- The Saxons arrived before the Vikings and the whole of the Saxon and Viking settlement lasted over centuries;
- Often Saxons and Vikings arrived to raid but gradually settled
- There is a range of evidence to help us piece together the lives of Saxons, Vikings and Scots but there are many gaps in this evidence.
- The Anglo-Saxons settled in Britain when the Romans left in AD 410
- The Anglo-Saxons came from the Netherlands (Holland), Denmark and Northern Germany.
- The Vikings began to invade Britain in AD 789.
- The Vikings were great traders and skilled seafarers. They were skilled at farming, fishing, craft work and hunting.
- The Vikings raided and invaded Britain repeatedly, setting up bases and taking land and riches, particularly from monasteries as they had easy riches and were not well defended.
- King Alfred of Wessex, also known as Alfred the Great, initially fought the Vikings, also known as the Danes, but then peace was agreed.
- As a result from the conflict between the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, two new kingdoms grew and Scotland and England became firmly established.
- The Viking and Anglo-Saxon rule came to an end in 1066, during the Battle of Hastings.

Vocabulary

invasion, Invaded, raid, settler, settlement, Viking, Anglo-Saxon, seafarer, migration, conquest, archaeology, chronology, Scandinavia, Lindisfarne, monasteries, Sutton Hoo.



Golden Thread

- Invasion
- Exploration
- Settlement