



Yarm Primary School

Year 4

Anglo Saxons and Vikings

Anglo Saxons and Vikings: Invaders or Educators?

Key Vocabulary

Suggested Activities

'Sticky' Knowledge

invader

Someone who takes land by force.

settler

Someone who lives in a new country or area.

raid

A surprise attack on an enemy or place.

runes

Type of writing

monarch

A king or queen. Someone who rules due to the right of birth.

Danelaw

Type of laws and legal system.

Jorvik

Viking name for York

Edgar

Often thought of as the most powerful Anglo Saxon king

longboats

Large powerful boats used to invade Britain and overpower the 'enemy'.

- Could you write your name in runes?
- Can you research a famous Anglo Saxon king?
- Can you design your own Anglo Saxon shield?
- Can you compare the Anglo Saxons and Vikings and present your findings using ICT?
- Do you know where they came from? Could you create a large map of their origins and their sites of invasion?
- Explore the timeline of British history and the place within it of the Anglo Saxons and Vikings. What came before and after?

What can you find out about these people?

- King Arthur
- Alfred the Great



- For many years, both the Anglo Saxons and Vikings struggled for control of Britain.
- The Anglo Saxons began to settle in Britain after the Romans in around 410AD.
- The Anglo Saxons were a mix of tribes from Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands.
- The Vikings originated in Scandinavia.
- At first the Vikings were welcomed...
- Only a few Anglo Saxon and Viking children learned to read and write.
- They (especially the Vikings) invaded in longboats.
- The name 'Viking' comes from a language called 'Old Norse' and means 'a pirate raid'.
- In 954, the Anglo-Saxons drove out **Eric Bloodaxe**, who was the last Viking king of **Jorvik**.