

Y5/6 Spring Term – Knowledge Organiser :The Anglo Saxons

There were many famous Anglo-Saxon kings, but the most famous of all was **Alfred**, one of the only kings in British history to be called 'Great'.

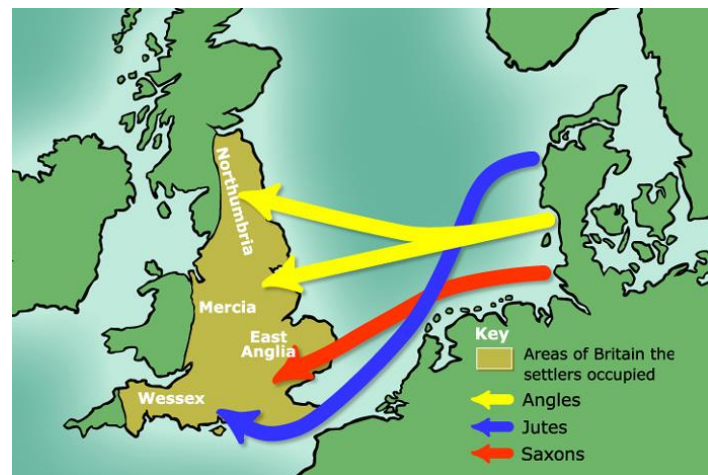


The king of the Anglo-Saxon gods was Woden, a German version of the Scandinavian god Odin, who had two pet wolves and a horse with eight legs.

After the Roman soldiers left Britain in 410 new people came in ships across the **North Sea** – the Anglo-Saxons. **The Anglo-Saxon age in Britain was from around AD410 to 1066.**

They were a mix of tribes from **Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands**. The three biggest were the Angles, the Saxons and the Jutes.

The land they settled in was 'Angle-land', or England.



By about 600AD, England was divided into small Anglo-Saxon kingdoms each ruled by a king: much of what we know about the Anglo-Saxons comes from graves like the one discovered at Sutton Hoo in Suffolk.



Near the River Deben in Suffolk, at Sutton Hoo, are eleven mounds or 'barrows' dating back to the 7th century. In 1939 archaeologists explored the largest mound and discovered a ship buried in the mound.

The Anglo-Saxons shaped many words we use: the days of the week for example. Have a go at saying them out loud, below!

Monandæg

Tiwesdæg

Wodnesdæg

Þunresdæg

Frigedæg

Sæternesdæg

Sunnandæg

In 1066, the last Anglo Saxon king of England died at the Battle of Hastings. His name was King Harold. William from Normandy (France) became the new King and replaced all the Anglo-Saxon lords with Norman ones and so brought Anglo Saxon times to an end.