

The Struggle for England 410 – 1066

History:
Chronological overview – where does the period fit into a broader whole?
End of Roman Britain- when and why?
Saxon invasions and settlement. Place names - local and national study.
Who were the Anglo Saxons?
How did they live?
What happened to the Romano British?
Vikings – why did they raid, invade and settle?
Anglo Saxon attitudes to Vikings. Dane Geld etc.
Saxon and Viking Kingdoms and areas of control.
Laws and beliefs.
Archaeological evidence. Burial eg Sutton Hoo.
Towns eg York.
Sweyn, Cnut, Ethelred and Edward.
Harold – until October 4th 1066!

Literacy:
The Valley of the Crocuses by Jean Ure. An introduction to the end of the Roman period.
Runes.
Poetry - Kennings.
Sagas and oral stories.

Geography:
Study of England – main towns and rivers. Which had importance in the Roman period and later?
Main rivers and their importance for trade, communication and invasion.
The Danelaw.
Kingdoms eg Wessex.
Place names and area names eg Norfolk that show where Saxons/Vikings settled. Saxon evidence in Shelford.

PSHE:
Laws of the Vikings and Saxons.
Debating about laws.

Art and Music
Study of Anglo Saxon art eg as seen at Sutton Hoo.
Interwoven animal designs.
Illuminated manuscripts.
Sounds of the Viking Age. Recordings of recreated instruments.

ICT:
The Vikings – interactive resource.
Personal research – eg BBC History.
Presentation of work using ICT eg. Powerpoint.
Joining in discussion started by teacher on STARZ.

RE:
The early church – Saxon Christianity.
Monks. Viking attitudes to Christians.