

Year 3 Summer Term 1 - Parent Information

Traders and Raiders!

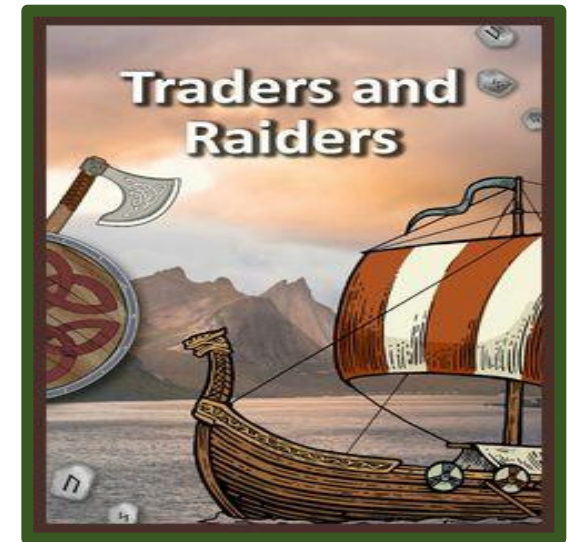
Big and strong, powerful and brave, the Saxons wave their battle axes and brandish their swords as they begin to invade Britain's shores. Sail back to the Dark Ages, where battles were rife and fear reigned. Find out about the lives of the Saxons, including how they lived and where they came from. Meet the bloodthirsty Vikings from Scandinavia – never before had such terror swept the land. Make a Saxon sword or a Viking brooch and decorate it with intricate patterns. Choose to be a Saxon or Viking and trade your crafty goods, but let's keep it cool. We don't want a fight breaking out. Are you ready to shine a light on the dangerous and deadly Dark Ages?

We begin our topic with a journey back in time. Visit Jarrow Hall to experience what life was like during this time period. Learn about home life, farming and much, much more.

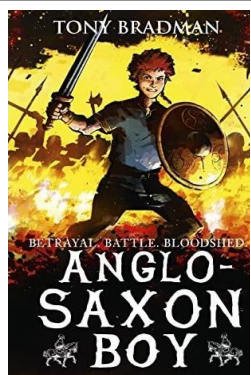
Who were the Anglo Saxons and where do they fit in our historical time line? What do we already know about the Anglo Saxons and what do we want to investigate?

Helping your child prepare for their project

Why not research famous people or famous battles? What were the key events during this period in history? Search the online collections on the British Museum and the Metropolitan Museum of Art websites to view artefacts that were made and belonged to the Anglo-Saxons. Many places in England have Anglo-Saxon names. Can you translate modern-day place names to their Anglo-Saxon meanings?



Our Class Novel – Anglo-Saxon Boy



1065. Magnus is the son of Harold Godwinson, lord of the Southern Saxons and ruthlessly ambitious claimant to the throne of England. Overnight, Magnus finds himself cast centre-stage in the blood-soaked family feud that led to one of history's most famous battles.

This is the family tragedy behind 1066: live it with Magnus, as the wolves of history close in on his Anglo-Saxon boyhood.

Curriculum Themes for this half-term	
Memorable experience	Visit to Jarrow Hall – tour the Anglo-Saxon farm and find out all about everyday life.
Innovate challenge	Research, design and make an identity brooch
English	Historical Fiction – narrative; Instructions – Growing Plants
Maths	Fractions; Time; Properties of Shapes
Science	Plants
A&D	Make an Anglo-Saxon brooch
Computing	E-Safety; Research on Anglo-Saxons; 'YouNewsEd' to create a news story based on Anglo-Saxons
Geography	Use Ordnance Survey maps of the south-west of England to locate key Anglo-Saxon sites (also Digi-Maps)
History	Anglo-Saxons
PSHE	Being My Best