

## Philosophers Summer Term 1 – Anglo-Saxons Overview, Vocabulary and Sticky Knowledge



### What do I already know?

#### In Explorers I learned that...

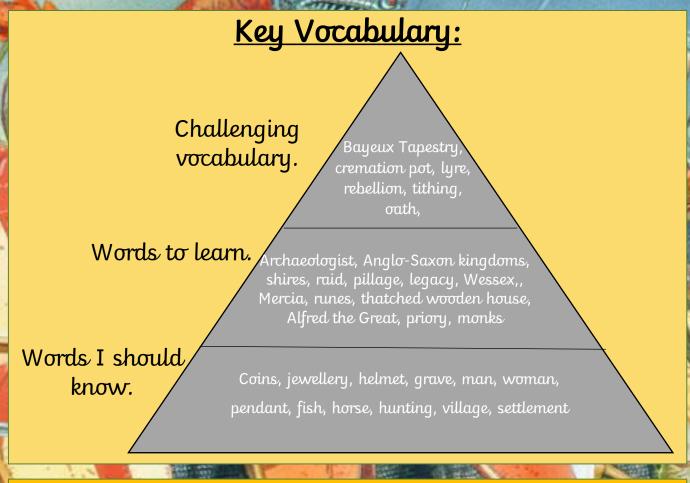
- The first and most famous castle in England was the Tower of London.
- William the conqueror decided that Nottingham Castle should be built in 1068 and was a wooden motte-and bailey castle. Today, it looks very different to how it started all those years ago! It is now used an art gallery.

#### In Philosophers, I learned that...

- When the Romans came to Britain they helped us by creating roads; a
  written language (which was Latin); introducing coins and even
  introducing rabbits to our country.
- The Romans had an organised army of trained soldiers, which enabled them to conquer different countries and build a large empire.

## What am I going to learn about this half term?

- Why the Saxons came to Britain.
- · Where Saxons lived and their lifestyle.
- All about King Alfred the Great.
- How they fought with Vikings and the impact this had on Britain.
- The importance of Christianity to the Saxons.



# <u>Topic Traveller Question:</u> Were the Saxons crafty?

Answer this question in a creative way and bring into school at the end of this half term.

# Sticky Knowledge:

- The Anglo-Saxons were made up of three tribes: the Angles; Saxons and Jutes.
- The name 'Angles' eventually became 'English' and their land, 'Angle-land', became 'England'.
- They came to Britain from across the North Sea in the middle of the 5<sup>th</sup> century.
- For a long time, England was not one country, Anglo-Saxon kings ruled lots of small kingdoms across the land.
- The Anglo-Saxons were fierce people who fought many battles, including fighting each other.
- The Anglo-Saxon period ended when the Normans conquered Britain in 1066.
- When crimes were committed, the village gathered together in a tithing. Elders or rich noblemen would decide if a person was innocent or not. If a person needed to be caught, they would carry out a hue and cry to capture them.



Anglo-Saxon Settlements

