

Anglo Saxon Discovery

Information for teachers

This website is designed to meet the needs of teachers and children studying the Anglo-Saxons at Key Stage 2.

National Curriculum Links at Key Stage 2

History

Knowledge skills and understanding

Chronological understanding

Knowledge and understanding of events, people and changes in the past

Historical interpretation

Historical enquiry

Organisation and communication

Breadth of study

Anglo-Saxons in Britain

Local history study

QCA schemes of work

Unit 6a Why have people invaded and settled in Britain in the past? An Anglo-Saxon case study

Geography

Knowledge skills and understanding

Knowledge and understanding of place

Breadth of study

Themes: how settlements differ and change, including why they differ in size and character

QCA schemes of work

Unit 6 Investigating our local area

English

En1 Speaking and listening

En2 Reading

En3 Writing

Art and Design

Knowledge skills and understanding

Exploring and developing ideas e.g. recording from first hand observation

Knowledge and understanding e.g. learning about the roles and purposes of artist, craftspeople and designers working in different times and cultures

Breadth of study

Exploring a range of starting points for practical work

Investigating art, craft and design in the locality and in a variety of genres, styles and traditions e.g. during visits to museums, galleries and sites

QCA schemes of work

Visiting a museum gallery or site

Unit 5B Containers (exploring the craft tradition of making vessels and containers)

Unit 6B What a performance (investigating costume and headwear worn in different times and cultures)

Design and technology

Knowledge skills and understanding

Knowledge and understanding of materials and components e.g how the working characteristics of materials affect the ways they are used

Science

Sc3 Materials and their properties

Learning Objectives

Children will learn:

- About everyday life in Anglo Saxon Britain using objects as evidence
- What has survived from the Anglo-Saxon settlement of Britain
- To place the Anglo-Saxon period in a chronological framework
- That Anglo-Saxons invaded Britain and that the period of invasion was followed by a period of settlement
- To make inferences from archaeological and archival evidence
- What we can find out from archaeological remains
- What archaeologists do
- Who was E.T. Leeds?
- About the Anglo-Saxon objects in the Ashmolean Museum

Learning Outcomes

Children will be able to:

- Describe everyday life in Anglo-Saxon Britain
- Use objects as evidence and deduce what the objects are
- To understand why the Anglo-Saxons invaded
- Locate on a map where the Anglo-Saxons came from

- Suggest why Anglo-Saxons came to Britain
- Infer information about the use of objects and about their owner
- Describe what archaeologists do

Visiting the Ashmolean Museum 2005-2008

The Ashmolean Museum has lots of amazing Anglo-Saxon objects in its collections. All the objects shown on this web site are from the Ashmolean.

BUT ...

At the moment most of these objects are **not on display** because the Museum is having lots of building work done to transform the Ashmolean for the 21st Century. Only some of the Museum is open to the public.

This transformation includes creating 30 new galleries and an Education Centre.

The 'new' Museum is scheduled to re-open in late 2008.

From 2005-2008 you can look at the Anglo-Saxon objects on this web site. From 2008 we will be welcoming people to the Ashmolean to see the real objects displayed in beautiful new galleries. Education programmes for schools will be available, including an Anglo-Saxon activity. Look out for information in 2008!

We are still taking school group bookings for 2005-08 but only a limited programme is available because of limited galleries e.g. Western Art and Egypt.

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