



Year 4 - Summer - History Knowledge Organiser

What I already know...

Children have an understanding of chronology and are able to place historical events in chronological order using a timeline.

Children know how invasions throughout history have had an impact on modern life.

What I will learn...

- Where the Vikings came from and when they invaded Britain.
- Some key facts about the most influential Anglo-Saxon kings and be able to organise information about the Vikings and Anglo-Saxon kings onto a timeline.
- Describe some aspects of everyday Viking life and know some typical Anglo-Saxon punishments.
- Explain where and why some Viking raids or attacks took place.
- Describe in greater detail the influence and actions of some of the main Anglo-Saxon kings and be able to explain concepts such as Danegeld and wergild.
- Compare and contrast aspects of Anglo-Saxon, Viking and modern day everyday life e.g. religion, crime and punishments and cultural traditions.

Key Vocabulary	
Danegeld	"Paying the Dane". King Etherred paid the Vikings 4500kg of silver to go home but they kept returning and were paid 22,000kg of silver in Danegeld altogether.
exile	To be sent away.
invade	To enter and occupy land.
kingdom	An area ruled by a king.
longship	A long, wooden, narrow boat used by the Vikings.
outlawed	Having all property taken away and no longer being able to live in the community.
pagans	A religion where many gods and goddesses are worshipped.
pillaged	To violently steal something.
raid	A surprise attack.
wergild	A payment system used to settle disputes between a criminal and the victim or their family.



Making a difference at The Merton Why did the Vikings invade?

Year 4 will journey across hundreds of years of British history and demonstrate an understanding of how the Vikings have shaped British culture and history by composing historically valid questions.

Making a difference at home

Did you know... experts believe that 1,000 years ago in Leicester – the heart of England - the warring Anglo Saxons and Vikings set aside their differences and the two communities started sharing their trades and languages and helped to shape modern standard English.

If it wasn't for this, we would probably still use an Anglo-Saxon style of language more similar to German! At home, you can research what the English spoken language might have been like if this had not happened! Write a couple of sentences and bring it in for your peers to decode.