

Year: 4
Term: Autumn
Topic: Were the Dark Ages dark?



Settlements



Conflict

401 - 410AD	The Romans withdraw from Britain; Anglo-Saxon migrants begin to settle.
450AD	Anglo-Saxon invaders begin to settle.
600AD	Anglo-Saxons gradually take over Britain.
633AD	Lindisfarne Monastery is built.
793AD	The Vikings attack and capture the city of York (Jorvik).
867 - 878AD	Series of Viking victories.
871AD	Alfred the Great becomes King of Wessex.
886AD	The Vikings and King Alfred divide Great Britain.
954AD	Eric Bloodaxe, the last King of Jorvik, is thrown out of York.
1014AD	King Canute (Cnut) of Denmark becomes King of England.
1042AD	Edward the Confessor becomes King.
1066AD	King Harold is killed in the Battle of Hastings. William I (The Conqueror) crowned King of England.

Both Anglo-Saxons and Vikings came to Britain to **invade**, then they settled here, hoping for a better life.

They would use swords, shields, axes, spears, javelins and bows and arrows when fighting.

The Anglo-Saxons had different **kings** who ruled their own **kingdoms**.

By 878AD there was only 1 kingdom left, Wessex, which was ruled by **Alfred the Great**. The other Kingdoms had been overrun by the Vikings.

After years of fighting Alfred the Great and the Vikings made a **peace agreement**, however they did still fight.

They created an imaginary dividing line through England with the Anglo-Saxons to the West and the Viking lands (Danelaw) to the East.



Glossary

chieftain	The leader of a tribe or clan.
colonisation	When one country takes over another country, establishing a settlement, in order to control the area and gain riches.
conquer	To overcome by force.
Danelaw	11th century name for the area of Britain ruled by the Vikings.
invasion	When an army enters another country by force.
longship	Long, slender boats that the Vikings used to travel on the seas.
monastery	A place where a community of monks live and work.
raid	A sudden attack or invasion.
runes	An early alphabet.
Saxon	A group of farmer-warriors who lived in Britain over a thousand years ago.
Scandinavia	The area made up of Denmark, Sweden and Norway.
settlement	A place where people have come to live.
trade	The buying and selling of goods and services.
Viking	Warriors from northern Europe.