



Who's that waving axes and brandishing swords? It's the Saxons invading Britain's shores! During this half term, we'll be finding out: Why did the Romans leave Britain? *'Who were the Anglo-Saxons and how do we know what was important to them?'* Why were they invading Britain? We will be finding out how the Anglo Saxons laid down the pattern of farmsteads, hamlets and villages that still exists in the countryside today. Where were they in Dorset? What parts of town names and words we use today originate from the Anglo Saxon times? How and why did the Saxons convert to Christianity from being Pagans? Unearth some of the artefacts that were found in the greatest archaeological find ever in Britain: the Sutton Hoo ship discovered in Suffolk 1300 years after its burial surrounded by extraordinary treasures.

Be introduced to Saxon myths and meet Beowulf, a warrior who comes from overseas to help slay the fearsome monsters that stalk the moors of ancient Denmark. Create your own mythical creature and write a myth, develop inference skills when reading and explore kennings from the original Beowulf poem written in Anglo-Saxon times.

Value focus	Courage
Heartsmart	No Way Through Isn't True
English	Newspaper report of the invasion of Anglo Saxons. Write kennings in poetry and a hero myth based on a child-friendly version of the text, Beowulf. Create your own mythical creature and write a non-chronological report about it. Weekly spellings and dictation.
Class reader	How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell Anglo-Saxon Boy by Tony Bradman
Art	Illuminated letters
DT	Design and sew a purse/wallet
Music	The Dragon Song and singing in two parts. Music from around the world. Playing glockenspiels to accompany the songs.
Maths	Further Multiplication and Division (formal methods and problem solving). Plus Y3: Adding and subtracting fractions. Times tables / division facts - supported by Times Tables Rockstars
Science	Light - Can you see me?
Computing	We are opinion pollsters - collecting, organising and analysing data
PE and Games	Gymnastics and Swim and dance festival on 13.01.20
RE	Judaism: <i>What connects Passover to freedom?</i> Visit Bournemouth Synagogue on 22.1.20
French	A variety of finger rhymes, French stories, traditional French songs, learning about France based around celebrating new year, following movement instructions, adverbs of manner, asking politely, creating sentences with masculine and feminine nouns (year 4) and more.

Home Learning Ideas - Foxes class webpage has links to Anglo Saxons websites, games and information. You could visit the Anglo Saxon town of Wareham and find out why the walls were built and visit St Martin's Saxon church. Visit Winchester and find clues that it was the capital of the Kingdom of Wessex. Visit a local library and read books set in or about Anglo Saxons.