



Lowerhouse Junior School

History Overview Sheet



Year 5 – What can we learn from the discoveries at Sutton Hoo about the British Anglo-Saxon settlements?



Rationale: How Britain changed between the Stone Age and 1066, to include the Stone Age period, the occupation of Britain by the Romans and Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.

Substantive Knowledge:

- Know who the Anglo-Saxons were and where they originated from
- Know about how the Anglo-Saxons attempted to bring about law and order into the country
- Know that during the Anglo-Saxon period, Britain was divided into many kingdoms
- Know that the way the kingdoms were divided led to the creation of some of our county boundaries today
- Know about some of the Anglo-Saxon kings

Overview:

Lesson 1: Artefact Lesson – Sutton Hoo Ship Burial (detail)

Lesson 2: Introduce Anglo-Saxon Britain and the significance of the Sutton Hoo discovery.

Lesson 3: Explore what was discovered at Sutton Hoo and what these artefacts tell us about Anglo-Saxon life.

Lesson 4: Understand why settlement like the one found at Sutton Hoo developed in England.

Lesson 5: Evaluate the reliability of different sources and understand how interpretations of Sutton Hoo have changed over time.

Lesson 6: Consolidate learning about what Sutton Hoo teaches us about Anglo-Saxon Britain and settlements (assessment lesson).

Key Vocabulary

Anglo-Saxon kingdoms - The Anglo-Saxons formed many regions known as kingdoms, each with one ruler

Shire reeve - The peace officer of a shire, later known as 'sheriff'

Churl - A lower-class Anglo-Saxon but better than a slave

Wergild - The value set in Anglo-Saxon upon human life by rank and paid as compensation to the family or lord of a slain person

Angles - These were the Saxon people that originated from Germany or parts of Holland

King Alfred the Great - One of England's best-loved kings who on battles against the Danes. He was born in 849.

Key Knowledge

Know who the Anglo-Saxons were and what their influence is on our lives today

Know where the Anglo-Saxons originate from and when they invaded Britain

Know how the Anglo-Saxons brought law and order to Britain

Know how the Anglo-Saxons created different settlements to the ones the Romans had built

Know how the Anglo-Saxons divided Britain into different kingdoms

Know many of the Anglo-Saxon kings

Assessment/Key Skills

Most Children will: • Demonstrate a deep understanding of how life in Britain has been shaped by the Anglo Saxons by composing accurate, detailed accounts on Anglo-Saxon culture, religion and society using a range of evidence sources and artefacts to support their conclusions.