

Improvement and Advisory Service

# Medium-term plan

Year group: 4

**Topic/unit:** Britain's settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots

### Children make progress in

### Evidence for knowledge/understanding developed

### Substantive knowledge (what we want children to know and remember)

- Where different Saxons (Angles, Saxons, Jutes) came from and why they came plus origins of Scotland, Wales and France.
- Changing Saxon kingdoms: initially eight kingdoms which merged into just four (homework task).
- Christian conversion and the different parties responsible for it.
- Gain knowledge about major aspects of the Saxon legacy, eg laws, language, place names, major Christian centres etc.
- Can name the different peoples, where they came from and where they arrived/settled. Can list some push/pull reasons for them coming here.
- Can name the initial kingdoms and the people that settled plus some important leaders, eg Offa, Redwald, Alfred.
- Explains that when the Romans left Britain was Christian and that the Saxons were pagans, so Christianity died out in Saxon areas. Can identify where different Christian missions came from: Augustine sent by Pope Gregory, Irish missionaries invited to Northumbria by King Oswald etc.
- Can talk about aspects of the Saxon legacy, eg England
  Angle-land.

### **Disciplinary knowledge** (use HIAS AREs)

- Cause and consequence can describe with simple examples different types of causes seeing that events happen for different reasons not just human action.
- Can give reasons why the Saxons came here.
- Can explain why the number of Saxon kingdoms changed (conflict between different Saxon groups/arrival of the Vikings).
- Can explain why different Christian missionaries arrived here (who sent them etc).

**Key question to drive the enquiry to promote children's progress:** the Anglo-Saxons: the ruin of Britain?

## Knowledge specific vocabulary

- Abbey/Abbess.
- Angles.
- Armorica.
- Auxiliaries.
- Britons.
- Christian.
- Civilisation.
- Conquest.
- Emperor.
- Frisians.
- Francia (France).
- Gaels (Irish).
- Gaul.
- Heptarchy.
- Holy Roman Empire.
- Illuminated.
- Immigration.

- Invasion.
- lona.
- Jutes.
- Lindisfarne
- Manuscript.
- Minster.
- Missionary.
- Monastery/ Monk.
- Nunnery/Nun.
- Old English (Saxon).
- Pagan.
- Picts
- Pope.
- Saxons
- Scotti.
- Vikings.

## **Promoting SMSC**

- Spiritual:
- Moral:
- Social: group work/collaboration. Exploring the stories of past incomers to Britain promotes better understanding of incomers now.
- Cultural: awareness that place names, laws, language, art etc are all influenced by our history.

#### Resources/visits

 Anglo-Saxons: Life through death loan collection from the History Curriculum Centre (examines how pagan and Christian burials differ and what Anglo-Saxon burials tell us about life at the time).