



YEAR 4 TERM 4 Saxons and Scots

Home Learning Ideas!

These activities are ideas for things for you to try at home by yourself or with an adult. You can do all of them, choose the ones that you find most interesting or invent your own.

Have fun!



Treasure Trove

Search on the internet for pictures of the artefacts and treasures found at the Sutton Hoo burial site, such as The Franks casket, purse lid and shoulder clasp.

Create a piece of Anglo-Saxon art using the designs on the artefacts as inspiration or make some replicas. You could try tin foil, papier-mâché or salt dough, or use shiny wrappers to create mosaics..

Good Reads

Join the library if you're not a member already. You can borrow books for free!



Bayeux and Beyond

The Battle of Hastings marked the end of Anglo-Saxon rule and the start of Norman Britain. The famous Bayeux tapestry shows the story of Norman conquest of England in 1066. Find out all about it and create your own Bayeux Tapestry inspired artwork!



Feasting Galore!

The Anglo-Saxons loved eating, drinking mead and feasting. Find out what they grew, ate and reared and how they cooked and stored their food. How about trying some Anglo-Saxon cooking? You could write up some recipes for us to share!



Rave Reviews

Choose one of the recommended reads and write a book review to tell us what you thought of it. You could give it a star rating and recommend it to friends that you think would enjoy it. Happy reading!



Good Reads

The Anglo-Saxons were pagans when they came to Britain, but gradually converted to Christianity. Many of the customs we have in England today come from pagan festivals. Pagans worshipped lots of different gods. Each god controlled a particular part of everyday life: the family, growing crops, love, healing, wisdom, metalworking, the weather, war, day and night and so on.

Do some research on the old Anglo-Saxon gods and share it with the class. You could create a presentation, a fact file, a podcast or make a documentary. You might like to find out how the gods are linked to the names for the days of the week too.

All Aboard!

What were Anglo-Saxon boats like and why were they designed like that? Have a go at building your own replica boats from different types of materials, or design some of your own and draw them. Don't forget to give your boats Anglo-Saxon names.



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St Augustine

Find out about the role that Canterbury and Saint Augustine played in the conversion of Britain to Christianity. You could visit the ruins of St Augustine's Abbey and have a browse round the museum. You could also find out about King Ethelbert and Queen Bertha of Canterbury and follow the Bertha trail round the city.

A Day in the Life of an Anglo-Saxon

Find out what everyday life was like in Anglo-Saxon Britain. What were their clothing, houses and food like? What did they believe in?

Be a history detective and report your findings to your class. You could create a presentation, a compilation of pictures, a blog, pictures or models.



Burh, woden and hurst

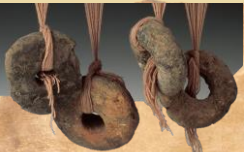
The Anglo-Saxons invented lots of new names for places, many of which are still used in Britain today. They called towns and villages after chiefs, gods or features of the landscape. Can you find out more and match them up with place names on a modern map of the UK or Kent, teach your family all about it or have a go at making a wordsearch?

Dear Mum and Dad...

Imagine you are an Anglo-Saxon invader. Write a letter home to your family in Denmark, the Netherlands or Germany. Don't forget to tell them all about your journey to England, where you have settled, what life is like, and things you love and hate about your new life in England.

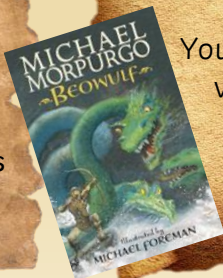
Get Weaving...

These doughnut-shaped circles are loom weights. They would hold threads down and tight so Anglo-Saxons could weave on a loom. Try your hand at weaving. Here are some ideas for weaving projects: cardboard loom weaving, circle weaving with paper plates, dream catchers, stick weaving, paper cup weaving, straw weaving, nature weaving with leaves and twigs, pinecone weaving. You can find lots of ideas on the internet to get you started.



Mythical Monsters

Learn about the Anglo-Saxon story of Beowulf, a super hero who fights a gigantic monster called Grendel that had been causing problems in Denmark and Geatland. You could retell the story, draw a cartoon or create your own monster. You might like to try Michael Morpurgo's exciting version of Beowulf's epic quest to destroy the monstrous Grendel.



Share with us at school

We'd love to hear about your learning at home. We look forward to you sharing with us. Don't forget you can send things on Seesaw too!

