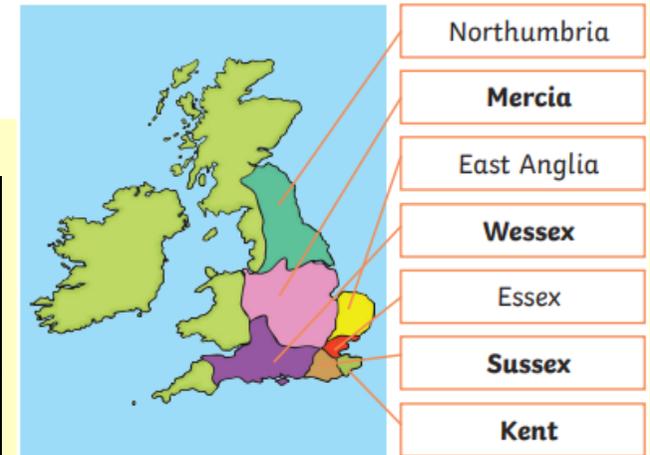


Anglo Saxon Kingdoms

When Anglo Saxons first arrived the country was split into 7 different kingdoms each with their own ruler. Over time these Kingdoms changed and there were less of them but the kingdoms of Northumbria, Mercia and Wessex continued.



Key Vocabulary

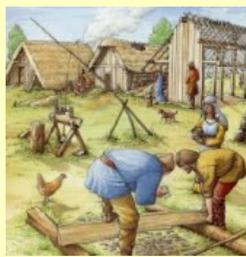
Invasion	To enter a country or region by force with a large army.	Pillage	To violently attack
Settlement	A place where a group of people live and build a community	Treaty	A formal agreement between 2 groups.
Danelaw	A part of England ruled by the Vikings	Longship	A long, narrow, wooden boat used by Vikings.
Danegeld	Money paid to the Vikings for them to go home.	Pagan	People who followed a religion that worshipped many gods and goddesses.
Kingdom	An area ruled by a king	Raid	A surprise attack

Anglo Saxon life

Anglo Saxons were good farmers and grew crops and looked after animals. They were also good crafts people and made pots and tools to help them with their daily lives. They also made jewellery. Village life was generally calm and everyone had a job to do, even children.



Anglo Saxons tended to live in small communities that worked together. Their houses were made of wood and thatch.





King Alfred the Great was an Anglo Saxon King he was also known as the **King of the English**.

He fought against the Vikings but finally made peace with them.

He tried to encourage people to learn and was known as being a fair and caring king.

King Athelstan was the grandson of King Alfred. He was known as the **first King of England**.

He battled against the Vikings in **York** and took back control from them.

A famous poem called **Beowulf** may have been written at his request.



King Cnut was a **Viking king** who invaded England and won. He ended up being the **King of England, Denmark, Norway and part of Sweden at the same time**.

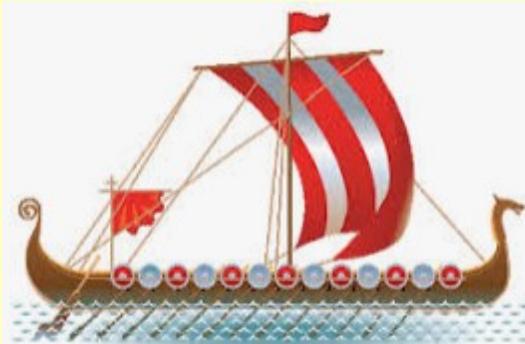
Although King Cnut was a warrior he also did a lot to build relationships between Anglo Saxons and Vikings.



Danegeld

Danegeld was money paid to Vikings to stop them from invading areas of England. Most danegald was paid by Anglo Saxon kings, but the Viking King Cnut also paid danegald to groups of Vikings. The money was collected from villagers in the form of taxes. Vikings got used to getting this money and would sometimes invade just to get more of it.

Viking Longboats



Vikings travelled from the north to England in longboats.

These were made of wood with a sail but also oars to move them along.

Their design meant that they could move quickly in the water and also be carried on land.

Viking Gods



The Vikings were **pagans** which means they worshiped many different Gods.

Odin was the father of all gods and lived in **Valhalla**. Vikings believed that if they died bravely fighting, they would eat at the **table of Odin** on **Valhalla**.

Thor was a fierce god who had a hammer. Vikings believed that **Thor's hammer** could create thunder

Vikings would prey to the goddess **Frey** to ask for good harvests

Loki was a mischievous god who was always up to tricks!



Valhalla was known as the **kingdom of the Gods**.