St Sebastian's Primary School Knowledge Organiser

Autumn Term 2 History Anglo-Saxons and Vikings Year Group 5

Vocabulary		
Word	**Picture**	**Definition**
cesspit		A pit for disposal of liquid waste and sewage.
burhs		Walled towns built by the Saxons.
Danelaw		Part of northern and eastern England occupied by the Danes in the 9th century.
Norse		Norwegians or Scandinavians in ancient or medieval times.
Mercia		An Anglo-Saxon kingdom of central England.
wattle and-daub		The weaving of small wooden branches with mud, straw, horse hair and dung to create walls.
Shire Reeve		The peace officer of a shire, later known as 'sheriff'.
Paganism		Non-Christian belief. A belief in multiple gods.
ford		A shallow place in a river where people could walk across.

Key Knowledge
The Anglo-Saxons were made up of three tribes: the Angles; Saxons; and Jutes.
The name 'Angles' eventually became 'English' and their land, 'Angle-land', became 'England'.
England was not one country. Anglo-Saxon kings ruled lots of small kingdoms across the land.
They came to Britain from across the North Sea in the middle of the 5th Century.
The Anglo-Saxons were fierce people who fought many battles, including fighting each other.
Anglo-Saxons left a legacy which included the language we speak, culture and politics. Many of the shires are our boundaries for counties today.

King Alfred the Great (849-899) Fought the Vikings and defeated them in the Battle of Edington (878) and thus made an agreement with them (Danelaw). He was known for improving the standard of living, legal and military systems as well as education.



The Battle of Stamford Bridge took place in 1066 between English and Norwegian forces. This battle signalled the 'End of the Viking Era'.



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Romans left Britain leaving it unguarded	The kingdom of Wessex is formed	The kingdom of East Anglia was formed	The Kingdom of Mercia is formed	St Augustine introduces Christianity	Offa King of Mercia declares himself King of England	Vikings attack Lindisfarne	Alfred the Great rules	Canute the Great rules as first Viking	Battle of Hastings Normans defeat the Saxons