



St John Fisher RC Primary School

Year 4 Knowledge Organiser – Summer Term One - History

Key Facts to Remember

I know: How to explain the collapse of Roman Rule in Britain.

Lesson 1 - In AD 410, Roman soldiers left Britain as the Roman Empire had become too big and lost control

Lesson 2 - Anglo Saxons came across the North Sea from Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands. Some Anglo Saxons came as warriors who fought against Britons living in England

Lesson 3 - Tribes living in the North (Scotland) were Scots and Picts who fought against Britons. Some Anglo Saxons came peacefully, moving because their farming land was flooded

Lesson 4 - Most Anglo Saxons settled in the countryside as farmers and evidence left behind shows that they brought with them astonishing skills and craftsmanship. Anglo Saxons took over most of the Eastern Parts of Britain and some Britons moved west (now Wales and Cornwall)

- In AD 410, Roman soldiers left Britain, leading to a power vacuum as the Roman Empire became too large to control.
- The Anglo-Saxons travelled across the North Sea from Germany, Denmark, and the Netherlands, with some coming as warriors.
- Some Anglo-Saxons fought against the Britons living in England, while others moved peacefully due to flooding of their farming lands.
- The tribes in the North, such as the Scots and Picts, also fought against the Britons during this period.
- Most Anglo-Saxons settled in the countryside as farmers, contributing to agriculture in Britain.
- The Anglo-Saxons took control of much of Eastern Britain, causing some Britons to migrate westward to areas now known as Wales and Cornwall.

Key Vocabulary and Glossary

Anglo-Saxon	A group of people who migrated to Britain from Germany, Denmark, and the Netherlands after the Roman withdrawal
Britons	The native people living in Britain before the arrival of the Anglo-Saxons
Conflict	A struggle or fight between groups, such as the battles between Anglo-Saxons and Britons
Craftsmanship	The skill of creating high-quality handmade goods, which the Anglo-Saxons were known for
Migration	The movement of people from one place to another, such as the Anglo-Saxons moving to Britain
Roman Withdrawal	The departure of Roman soldiers from Britain in AD 410, which led to changes in power and control
Scots	A group of tribes living in what is now Scotland who fought against the Britons
Picts	Another group of tribes in northern Britain, known for their painted bodies and fierce resistance against invaders

Key Knowledge:

In AD 410, Roman soldiers left Britain, which led to the arrival of the Anglo-Saxons from Germany, Denmark, and the Netherlands. Some came as warriors and fought against the Britons, while others moved peacefully because their farmland was flooded. In the North, tribes like the Scots and Picts also battled the Britons. Most Anglo-Saxons settled in the countryside as farmers and brought impressive skills in craftsmanship. They took over much of Eastern Britain, which caused some Britons to move west to what is now Wales and Cornwall.

