

**Key information:**

The Anglo-Saxon people were very superstitious.










They believed in good and bad omens, lucky charms, spells and magic. They thought that these things could influence what happened in different aspects of their lives.

There were many festivals throughout the year where Anglo Saxons made sacrifices to their Gods.

The name comes from the two biggest invading tribes. These were the Angles and the Saxons.

William of Normandy was crowned the new king of England on 25<sup>th</sup> December 1066. The Viking and Anglo-Saxon rule came to an end.

In time, William became known as William the Conqueror.

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| <p>AD 449</p>  <p>Anglo Saxon invaders arrive in Britain.</p>             | <p>AD 600</p>  <p>Anglo Saxons gradually take over England.</p> | <p>AD 793</p>  <p>The vikings attack from Norway.</p>                   |
| <p>AD 871</p>  <p>Alfred the Great becomes King of Wessex.</p>            | <p>AD 924</p>  <p>Athelstan becomes the King of Wessex.</p>     | <p>AD 937</p>  <p>Athelstan defeats rebels in battle.</p>               |
| <p>AD 939</p>  <p>The vikings invade England and take back the north.</p> | <p>AD 1042</p>  <p>Edward the Confessor becomes king.</p>       | <p>AD 1066</p>  <p>King Harold is killed in the Battle of Hastings.</p> |

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**Year 4 Spring Term Topic - Anglo Saxons.**

**Anglo Saxon Gods**

**Woden** - chief God

**Frigg** - wife of Woden. Goddess of childbirth.

**Thunor** - God of Thunder

**Tiw** - God of War

**Eostre** was the goddess who was worshipped during Eostremonath (April). She was the Goddess of rebirth and giving of eggs.

**Kings**

King Alfred the Great  
AD 871-899

King Athelstan  
AD 924-939

Edward the Confessor  
AD 1042- 1066

Goodwin of Wessex  
Tried to defeat Edward  
between AD 1050 - 1052

Harold II  
AD 1066

| Key vocabulary | Definition  |
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| <b>Pagan</b>   | A person holding religious beliefs other than those of the main world religions. Someone who believes in many Gods.                   |
| <b>Wergild</b> | Wergild was a payment system used in Anglo-Saxon times to settle disputes between the criminal and the victim or the victim's family. |
| <b>Danelaw</b> | The name given to parts of the country ruled by the laws of the Danes.  |
| <b>Settle</b>  | To live and take up residence.  |
| <b>Runes</b>   | The letters used in the Runic alphabet. This is how the Anglo Saxons wrote.   |
| <b>Invade</b>  | An armed force enters a country or region in order to occupy it.  |

