Year 4 – Autumn Term 1st Half
Title of topic: Invaders and Settlers
Topic Focus: History

This is the knowledge organiser for our topic. It includes all the learning outcomes, key facts and vocabulary. Please share this with your child to help them develop their knowledge and understanding of our topic.

The **Anglo Saxons** came from **Denmark** and **Germany** after AD 410.

By **AD600**, the invaders had divided the land into **seven kingdoms**, each with a **king.**

The Vikings (also known as Norsemen) came from three countries of Scandinavia: Denmark, Sweden and Norway. The name 'Viking' means 'a pirate raid'. People who went off raiding in ships were said to be 'going Viking'. Vikings sailed the seas on longboats raiding and taking over land.

They first raided the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms in **AD793**. Eventually they conquered the land and took over many of the Anglo Saxon Kingdoms.

Anglo Saxons lived in small villages of huts and farmed the land.

They were great **craftsmen**, who used **metal**, **wood**, **clay** & **precious stones** to make weapons, tools, pottery, furniture and jewellery.

At first they were **pagans** but over time, converted to **Christianity**.

The Vikings lived in large homes called longhouses. Like the Anglo-Saxon they were skilled craftsmen. Many worked as farmers. The women were good weavers and dyed cloth for clothes.

Key vocabulary:

Angle: A member of a Germanic tribe.
Anglo-Saxons: The main group of people living in Britain when the Vikings invaded.
Conquer: To take control or possession of a place or people, by force.
Invasion: Trying to take over a place using force
Long ship: The narrow boat used by Vikings to raid along coasts.
Longhouse: A large hall like building where many Viking families would live together.
Pagan: A person who believes in many gods
Saxon: A member of a Germanic tribe.
Viking: A highly skilled warrior, seafarer and farmer from Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Iceland
Artefact: Object made by a person that is of historical interest.
Britannia: The name Anglo-Saxons & Viking used for Great Britain.
Raiders: People who enter land illegally and often violently to steal.
Plunder: To use force to steal goods especially during war.
Traders: People who buy and sell things.