




Anglo-Saxons, Picts and Scots KS2 Knowledge Mat

Subject Specific Vocabulary		Exciting Books	
Bede	Bede wrote a book called 'A History of the English Church and People' in AD730. This was the story of the creation of a unified English peoples under one Church. We can learn about the Anglo-Saxons from this book.		
Culture	The shared ideas, customs, and social behaviour of a particular group of people or society		
Beowulf	An Anglo-Saxon epic poem.		Sticky Knowledge about the Anglo-Saxons, Picts and Scots
Paganism	The religion of the early Anglo-Saxons.	Anglo-Saxons usually lived in villages. Most people lived in rectangular houses made of wood with just one or two rooms. They heated their homes with open fires usually in the middle of the floor. Most people were farmers but there were craftsmen who made shoes, furniture, pots, pans, belts, jewellery and other objects. Important people in the village would live in a larger building with their advisors and soldiers – this was called the hall.	Important places
Mission	A religious person goes out into the world with the aim to spread their faith.	In Roman Britain many people had been Christians. But the early Anglo-Saxons were not Christians, they were pagans. After the Romans left, Christianity continued in places where Anglo-Saxons did not settle, like Wales and the west. The Anglo-Saxons had their own gods, beliefs and superstitions.	Sutton Hoo
St Augustine of Canterbury	A monk who became the first Archbishop of Canterbury in the year 597AD.	St Augustine came to Britain in 595AD to convert the Anglo-Saxons to Christianity. Augustine arrived in Kent and firstly converted the king there called Ethelbert. More and more Anglo-Saxon kings and their people became Christians too because they realised that by converting to one God, they could unite their people.	Canterbury
Wergild	A payment system used in Anglo-Saxon times to settle disputes between the criminal and the victim or the victim's family.		Iona
archaeologist	People who discover our history by looking	Each of the different Anglo-Saxon kings and kingdoms decided on their	Lindisfarne