

# Autumn 1 History Anglo Saxons Knowledge Organiser

## Religion

### Paganism

When the Anglo Saxons arrived in Britain they were Pagan, this meant they believed in lots of different Gods and Goddesses who were all in charge of different parts of life.

### Anglo Saxon Gods/Goddesses

Woden– Chief God

Bealdor– God of Light

Thunor– God of Thunder

Frigg– Goddess of Love

Tiw– God of War

### Christianity

In 597AD, the Pope sent Augustus to convert the Anglo Saxons to Christianity. Over the next 100 years, Britain gradually changed from Pagan to Christian.

### Christian Belief

One God.

Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Heaven and Hell.

## Reasons for coming to Britain

Romans had left making it easy to attack.

Natural resources– Iron, Silver, Gold, Wood  
Power

## Skills

Fighting– Swords, Axes, Spears, Javelins, Bow and Arrow, Shields.

Building

Farming– Growing crops and caring for animals

Making things– Using Wood, Metal, Leather and even bone.

Textiles– Making Clothes

## Clothes

Usually very simple designs.

Dyed using plants– Red, Yellow, Green, Blue, Orange.

Made from wool or linen.



## Key Vocabulary

Blacksmith– Works with metal

Carpenter– Works with wood

Weaver/Spinner– Makes clothes

Thane– Village leader

Convert– To change

Pagan– Person who worships many Gods

Fertile land– Land good for growing food



## Food and Drink

Bread, Porridge

**Vegetables** - carrots, parsnip, cabbages, peas, beans and onions.

**Fruit** - such as apples, cherries and plums

Fish, Meat (Boar and Deer)

Ale and Mead– Beer made from honey

