

Year 5 Afternoon Learning – Art

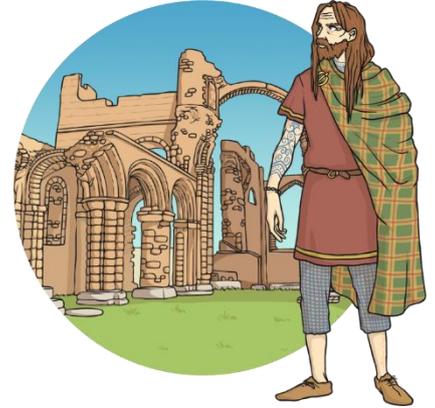
Week beginning Monday 22nd February 2021

This is your themed learning for Art:

Viking and Anglo-Saxon Art

The Anglo-Saxons lived in Britain from the 5th century – so around AD 400. The term relates to people from mainly the Germanic areas of Europe, who migrated to Britain after Roman rule came to an end, and lived amongst the people already living in Britain.

The Anglo-Saxons were highly skilled craftsmen and women who created jewellery, ceramics, sculptures and wall paintings.



The Anglo Saxons were skilled in textile crafts though not many examples have survived the last 2000 years. The most famous is the Bayeux Tapestry which was made in typical Anglo-Saxon style.

It is 68.38 metres long and 0.5 metres wide and woven from wool. It tells of the Norman conquest and the story of William the Conqueror defeating the English King, Harold, in 1066, resulting in the Battle of Hastings. For many years, it was thought to have been made in France but it is now known to have been made in England.



Here is one of the fifty scenes which make up the Bayeux Tapestry.



The Alfred Jewel is made from enamel and quartz and surrounded by gold. It was made for Alfred the Great, who was the King of Wessex from AD 871 to AD 899. It was designed to be on the top of a pointing stick used to point at words when reading a book. There is the figure of a man inside the teardrop shape and this is thought to be of Christ

Most Anglo-Saxon stone carving is of crosses on or beside churches. Many are now incomplete with carving faded.

This cross is in the churchyard of St Edward the Confessor in Leek, Staffordshire.



The Anglo-Saxons created buckles, jewellery and purse fittings which were made from gold, silver and bronze. The metal was beaten and engraved, often with dots and dashes representing the fur of animals. Gemstones like garnet were inlaid into the metal. Niello was used to add letters and symbols to the engraved items.



The Fuller Brooch –
9th century Anglo-
Saxon



Task

What do you notice about the shape and patterns of the brooches above?

Design an Anglo-Saxon brooch.

Remember the features of the brooches:

round, symmetrical, jewelled, colours.