

Anglo Saxons– Discoveries

KS2



Venue: Stockwood Discovery Centre (75 minutes)

Session summary:

The session focuses on Anglo-Saxon life and death by making use of a grave reconstruction displayed in the gallery. Using this display we will discuss what and how much Archaeologist can find out about the Anglo-Saxons from the evidence they find in graves. As part of the session we will need two volunteers to take part in an Anglo-Saxon burial so that the process and rituals can be discussed.

Assessment opportunities: During this session students' knowledge and understanding can be assessed through their verbal contributions and discussions can provide opportunity to assess personal development.



Learning objectives:

- Appreciate the significance of artefacts and graves to understanding the past and the role of archaeologists
- Interpret evidence through discussion and enquiry
- Consider what this area was like in the Saxon period
- Describe some of the rituals surrounding death and burials during the Anglo-Saxon period

Curriculum links:

KS2 History-

- The Anglo-Saxons
- Local History

English - Spoken language-

- Listen and respond appropriately to adults and their peers
- Participate actively in conversation
- Articulate and justify answers
- Speak audibly and fluently.

SMSC-

- Spiritual - sense of enjoyment and fascination in learning about themselves, others and the world around them
- Social - participate in a variety of social settings
- Cultural - appreciate cultural influences that shaped their own heritage
- Cultural—willingness to participate in, and respond to cultural opportunities.





Additional information: This session takes place in the Anglo-Saxon Gallery at the far end of the Stockwood site. This is a five minute walk outside and the galleries can be cold so please ensure everyone is dressed appropriately.

It is useful to know if any members of your class have learning, physical or sensory difficulties or illnesses that may affect their enjoyment of the session. It is usually possible to tailor the session to the needs of your class. Please let us know in advance by contacting at culture4schools@lutonculture.com to discuss.



Suggested activities:

Before the visit

Although this session can be used as an introduction to the Anglo-Saxons it is beneficial for the children to have some basic knowledge before they come. For example they should know a little bit about Anglo-Saxon life.

After the visit

Make a sketch of the Anglo-Saxon grave they have recreated at the museum and label the objects saying why they might have been placed in the grave.

Creative writing describing the life of the person (s) buried and their status.

Find out more about Anglo-Saxons beliefs before they became Christian. Discover more of their superstitions and the gods they believed in.

Useful resources

Anglo-Saxon pages on BBC Primary History

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/anglo_saxons/