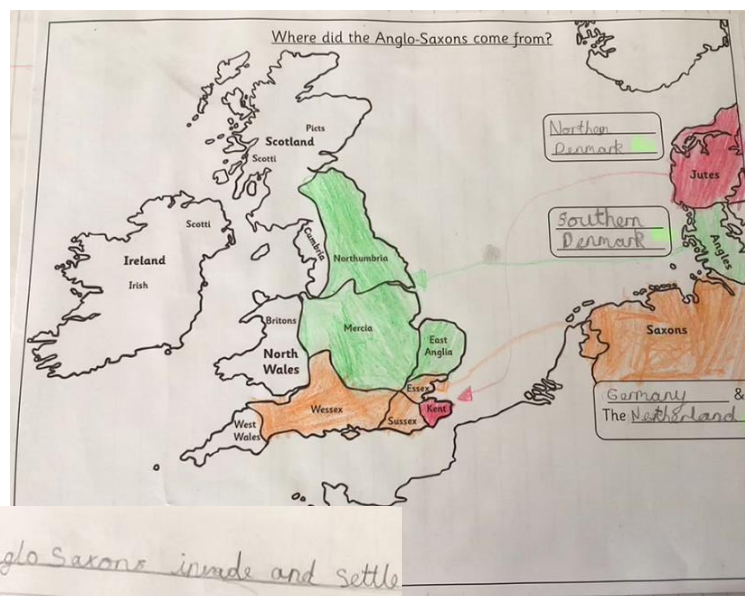








Y4 Honeybees Enquiry based learning photo story

What was the impact of the Anglo Saxon settlement in Britain?

We began by learning about where, when and why the Anglo Saxons invaded Britain. We made links to previous learning about the Romans and what Britain was like when they had been in charge and began to think about how the Anglo-Saxon's might have changed things. We thought about some questions that we would like to find out more about the Anglo Saxons.



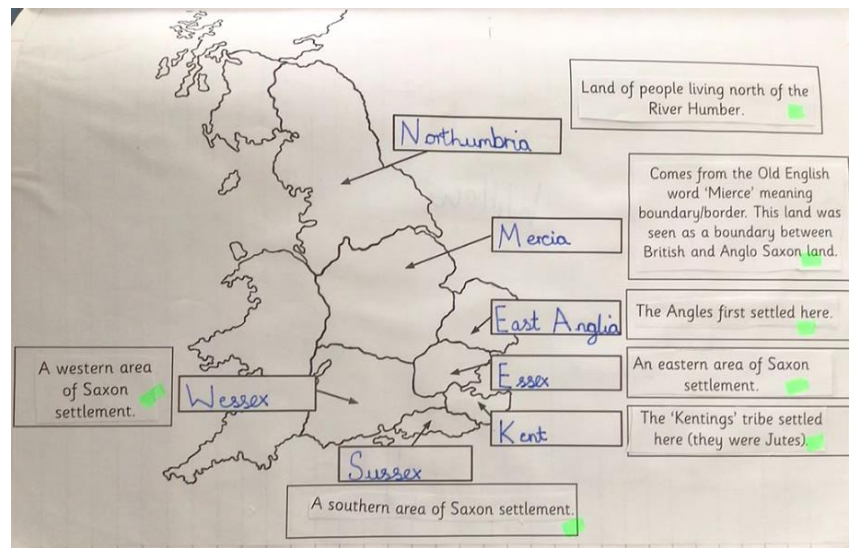
Why did the Anglo Saxons invade and settle in Britain

Clue	How did this pull the Anglo Saxons to Britain?	How did this push the Anglo Saxons from their countries?
 	Britain had good, fertile land for growing crops.	The Anglo Saxon's countries land was flooding so crops were unable to grow.
 	The weather in Britain was quite sunny and warm.	The weather in the Anglo Saxon's countries was cold and harsh.
The Romans had left Britain.  → Rome	Britain had very little defence so would be easy to invade.	The Anglo Saxons were already fighting in their own countries, but wanted to win fights against easy tribes.
	The Anglo Saxons were invited to Britain by King Vortigern to help.	The Anglo Saxons would be offered better than their own countries for helping King Vortigern.

We looked at various clues to give us a better understanding about why the Anglo Saxons invaded Britain. We discussed how these reasons have push and pull factors.

We learnt about how many place names in Britain come from when the Anglo Saxons settled. We worked in pairs to try and match up different place names to their root meanings.

Place name used today	Anglo Saxon meaning
Woking Woking	The area lived in by Woc's people.
Oxford	A ford for the oxen to cross through.
Birmingham	The village of Beorma's people.
Wodwich	A sheep farm.
Greenwich	A farm with fields.
Chiswick	A cheese farm.
Butterwick	A dairy farm.
Darlington	The village of Deornoth's people.
Alnwick	A farm on the river Aln.
Isham	A village by the river Ise.
Dudley	A woodland clearing lived in by Dudda's people.
Wolverhampton	A village founded by Lady Wulfruna.



We were interested to find out that some of the other words we use today came from Old English, which was used by the Anglo-Saxons. We worked hard to match up some modern day English words to their Old English word origin.

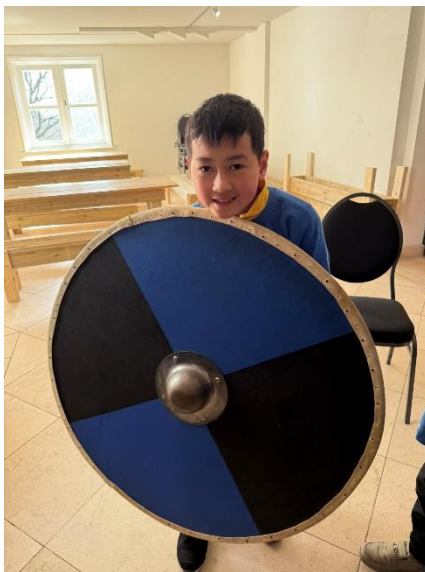
Many of the words we use today come from the Anglo-Saxon language of Old English.

Old English words used by the Anglo-Saxons	Modern English words we use today
cild	Child ✓
fisc	Fish ✓
bera	Bear ✓
modor	Mother ✓
foda	Food ✓
wulf	Wolfs ✓
treo	Tree ✓
hus	House ✓
sunu	Son ✓
aepel	Apple ✓
faeder	Father ✓
waeter	Water ✓
cese	Cheese ✓
snaw	Snow ✓
fyr	Fire ✓
dohtor	Daughter ✓

We visited Jarrow Hall where we got to explore and find out about many Anglo-Saxon artefacts. We had a workshop where we learnt how to use a loom like the Anglo Saxons would have use, to make clothing.



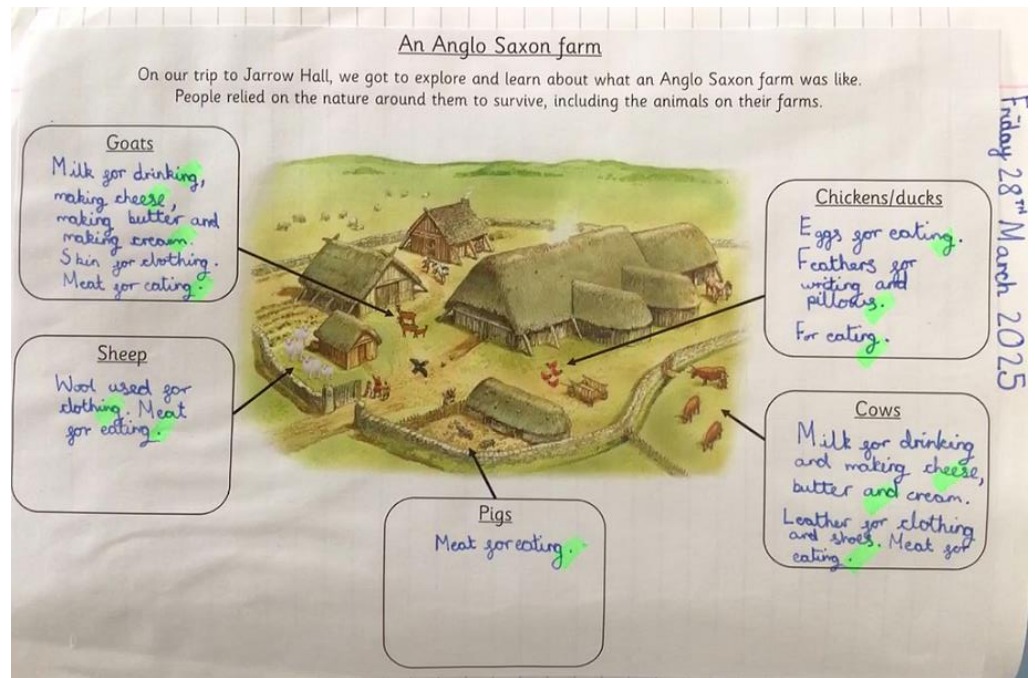
We also learnt about weapons and battles, even taking part in a mini battle ourselves!



We particularly enjoyed exploring the Anglo Saxon farm and village, where we learnt about the animals they kept and why, and what their homes were like.

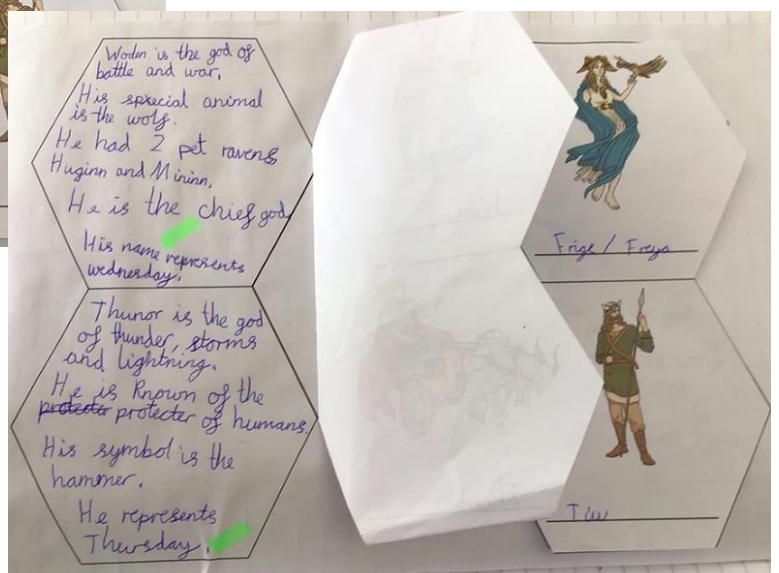
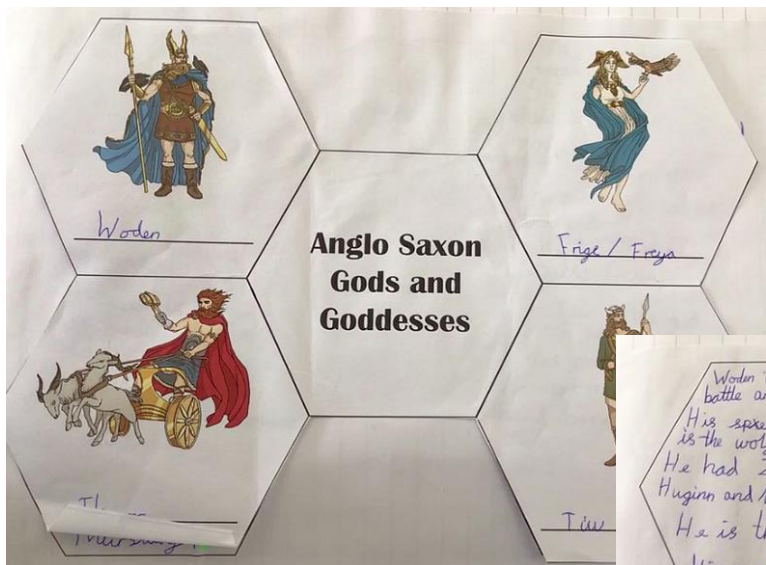


Back in school, we consolidated what we had learnt about their villages and farms by thinking different uses Anglo Saxon people got from each animal.



We then learnt about Anglo-Saxon gods and their religion of Paganism. We used the internet to research the different gods to find out more about them.

We found it interesting that some of our days of the week came from the Anglo Saxon gods, and that there are some similarities with our festivals and traditions today to those from the Anglo-Saxon times.



We explored some more Anglo Saxon artefacts using the 'Box of Delights' from the Discovery Museum. We made links with what we had seen at Jarrow Hall and were interested in handling other artefacts too, which helped us to learn even more about Anglo Saxon life.



Finally, we gathered all of our learning to create an e-book to show the impact of the Anglo Saxon settlement. We also had group discussions about which impact we felt was the most significant.

