



Vikings vs Anglo-Saxons

Spring 2b Year 5 Further Reading List



Book	Author	Blurb
Beowulf	Michael Morpurgo	The Michael Morpurgo version of the Anglo-Saxon classic Beowulf is a popular choice for upper KS2 or for more confident readers. Morpurgo draws on the style of the original text, using rich, alliterative language but mixes it with modern themes as he retells the story of Beowulf's epic quest to destroy the monstrous Grendel. Morpurgo's excellent version of Beowulf is also brought to life with engaging illustrations by Michael Foreman.
King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table	Marcia Williams	Delve into the fascinating Anglo-Saxon legends of King Arthur and his knights. The tales are retold in a comic book style, with speech bubbles and many humorous details in both the text and illustrations that pupils will love. King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table is guaranteed to capture young imaginations and is a very good alternative to Beowulf if you are looking for an Anglo-Saxon text.
The Buried Crown	Ally Sherrick	The Buried Crown is a hugely exciting adventure featuring the Anglo-Saxon hoard that was unearthed at Sutton Hoo during WW2. The story centres on a young Londoner called George, who has been evacuated to the countryside near Sutton Hoo. George befriends Kitty, a Jewish girl whose grandfather is an archaeologist and it is from him that George finds out about the Anglo-Saxon treasures discovered nearby. The most interesting of the treasures is a mysterious Anglo-Saxon crown carrying with it an ancient legend. Before long, George finds himself involved in an exhilarating plot to save the crown from falling into the hands of Nazi invaders. A gripping read highly recommended for upper KS2.
The Viking Invader (Newspaper Histories)	Fergus Fleming	A wonderful mock newspaper with articles about the Vikings, their lifestyle and beliefs, and what they did in England. Well illustrated, with photos, pictures, and cartoons. Very funny.
Norse Myths: Tales of Odin, Thor and Loki	Kevin Crossley-Holland and Jeffrey Alan Love	Odin, Thor and Loki rampage through dramatic tales in this interpretation of the Scandinavian myth cycle. Fully illustrated, the world of monsters, magic, and giants is brought to life. A Carnegie Medal winner.