

## **Autumn 1 Year 7 Knowledge Organiser**

### **How English was England by 1066?**

#### **How did the Normans conquer England?**

**Key text:** R. Peal Medieval Britain 410-1509

### **The Anglo-Saxons**

Explain why the Anglo-Saxon period is also known as the **Dark Ages**. (Peal p. 6)

What does Sutton Hoo tell us about Anglo-Saxons? (Peal p. 7)

What were the 7 kingdoms of the Anglo-Saxons?

Who was the first Anglo-Saxon King to become Christian? When did this happen? (Peal p. 8)

Who was Bede and why was he important? (Peal p. 9)

### **The Vikings**

List the countries where the Vikings originated from. (Peal p. 10)

Explain what Danegeld was and why it was used. (Peal p. 10)

List reasons why King Alfred has become known as Alfred the 'Great'. (Peal p. 12-13)

What was Danelaw? (Peal p. 12)

Who was the first 'King of the English'? (Peal p. 14)

Learn why the Vikings returned. (Peal p. 15)

### **The Normans**

List the 3 contenders for the throne, and why they thought they had a claim. (Peal p. 18-19)

Why could the Battle of Stamford Bridge be called a turning-point? (Peal p. 19)

List reasons why William won the Battle of Hastings. (Peal p. 20-21)

Explain how the Harrying of the North helped William control England. (Peal p. 22-23)

Define and explain these key terms: The feudal system, barons, bishops, knights, peasants and vassal. (Peal p. 24)

Why was the Oath of Fealty important? (Peal p.24)

What was the Domesday Book and what did it tell the Normans? (Peal p. 25)