

Visit to Jarrow Hall Anglo Saxon Workshops

To introduce our Anglo Saxon topic we took a trip to Jarrow Hall to take part in a range of workshops that showed us what life was like for everyday people during the time period (410 – 1066 AD)



Firstly we were taken around the farm and shown the animals that were used by the Anglo Saxons. We learnt that big bulls would be used for meat and to help plough the fields, as most Anglo Saxons were farmers. Cows provided milk which could be used to make yoghurt, butter and cheese. They also used ponies for transport as vehicles were not around during those times.



After our trip around the farm, we ventured into the village. We learnt how Anglo Saxons built their homes: it was interesting to learn that thatching was used for the roof because it was waterproof and readily available, we found that mud and animal poo was combined to make secure walls and wooden frames were used to ensure the buildings were stable.



After that, we all gathered around a traditional Anglo Saxon fire and heard traditional tales of the legend Beowulf and his battles with the monstrous Grendle! It was fascinating to experience the darkness of the home without light or windows and to realise how difficult it would have been to live without electricity.

We are very excited to delve further into the topic of the Anglo Saxons and find out some interesting facts about their lives and loves!