

Anglo Saxon period in Britain existed from approximately around 410 — 1066 AD. The period was known as the dark ages. They were a tribe of Angles, Saxons and Jutes. They were mostly farmers. The Anglo Saxons were great craft workers making intricate jewellerys, toys, musical instruments and games. They also produced some pottery with variety of purposes such as storage, cooking vessels, some eating and some for drinking. Bowls were made with the same purpose. Cups were generally formed in a handle— less breaker.

Anglo Saxon pottery consisted of some raw clay steeped in water using a spatula or by treading on it with bare feet. Large gravel would be removed whilst sand or shell would be added to aid the pot to withstand the huge change in temperature during the firing and stop the pot from cracking or exploding .

Pots were made using the simple thumb pinching and coil- building by hand or by 900AD on a wheel. The tools used to create patterns were made from either an animals rib or wood for shaping the pot and knives for trimming and antler stamps were used to decorate the pottery.

Design an Anglo Saxon Vase

Key Vocabulary

Sculptures— modelling clay into a 3 dimensional piece of art.

Carving - scraping or making deep hollow marks

Decorative - to make something look attractive.

Pottery - a process or a product of forming a vessel or object using clay and other ceramic materials

Mould - forming a shape out of malleable material.

Ceramics - created by a mix of clay, powders, water, and earthen elements then is shaped into the desired form.

Finally to be fired in a kiln.

Kiln - heating chamber used to transform materials such as clay or ceramics at high temperatures Glazes fired over the kiln becomes permanent decoration.



Year 5

National Curriculum Coverage

- *To create sketch books to record their observation and use them and revisit ideas
- *To improve their mastery of art and design techniques including drawing, painting, and sculpture with a range of materials (for example, pencil charcoal, paint and clay)
- *To learn about great artists, architects and designers in history.