The Battles and Conquests of 1066- Year 2 - Term 4

The Normans
The **Normans** were a group of people who came from the Norwegian Vikings. They came to **settle in the north of France.** As a result, the Norman's were made up of Vikings and native people to the region. Once they had settled, the area in northern France became known as Normandy.

The Norman Conquest
The Normans were **skilled warrior** and after taking over Normandy, they decided to take over more land. In **1066,** after the death of the Anglo-Saxon King, **Edward the Confessor**, they decided to **invade** England. This was called the **Norman Conquest.**

Battle of Hastings - 1066
The most important battle of the Norman Conquest. **King Harold II** became King of the Anglo-Saxons after Edward the Confessor's death. During the battle, Harold II was killed by the Normans. **William the Conqueror,** who was the Duke of Normandy, became the first Norman King of England.
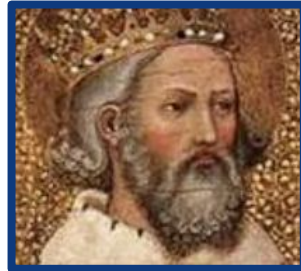
Bayeux Tapestry
Most of the information that we have of the Norman Conquest comes from the **Bayeux Tapestry.** This is a 70-metre long piece of fabric which is embroidered with key events of the time. It was created in the 11th century and begins with the death of Edward the Confessor and ends with the Battle of Hastings.

What do you remember?

- Who was William the Conqueror?

- Why was there a battle?

- When was it?

- Where did it take place?

- What is the Bayeux Tapestry?

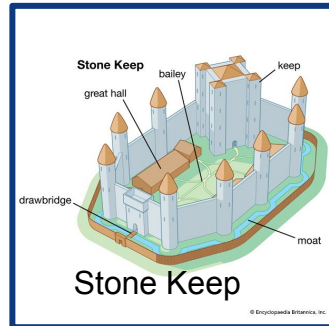Edward the Confessor   William the Conqueror   Harold II

Vocabulary

Invade	To send an army to take over land.
Normandy	A place in the North of France
Anglo-Saxons	A group of people who settled in England in the Early Medieval times.
Norman Conquest	When the Normans invaded and took control of England
William the Conqueror	The first Norman King on England
Medieval	The middle ages-between the end of the Roman Empire in 476 AD and about 1500 AD.
Domesday Book	A public record of all the towns, villages and people living in England in 1085
Bayeux Tapestry	A large cloth that shows the events leading up to the Norman Conquest

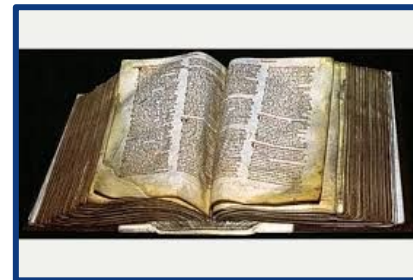Battle of Hastings

Motte and Bailey Castle

Stone Keep

Bayeux Tapestry

Domesday Book

Dinosaurs	Stone Age	Bronze Age	Ancient Egypt	Ancient Greece	Iron Age	Romans	Vikings	Anglo-Saxons	Mayans	Normans	Tudors	Victorians	WWII
145 million years ago	30,000 - 3,000BC	3300 BC - 1200 BC	3100 BC - 332 BC	900 BC - 320 BC	800 BC - 43 AD	750 BC - 47AD	793 BC - 1066 AD	410 BC - 1066 AD	250 BC - 900 AD	1066	1485-1603	1837-1901	1939-1945

BC means before the birth of Jesus   AD means after the birth of Jesus