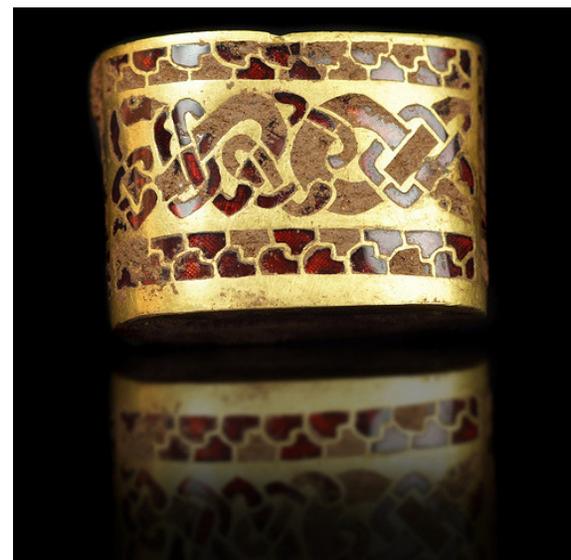
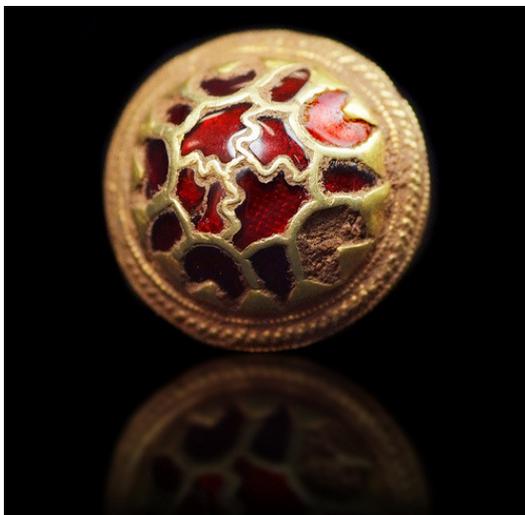
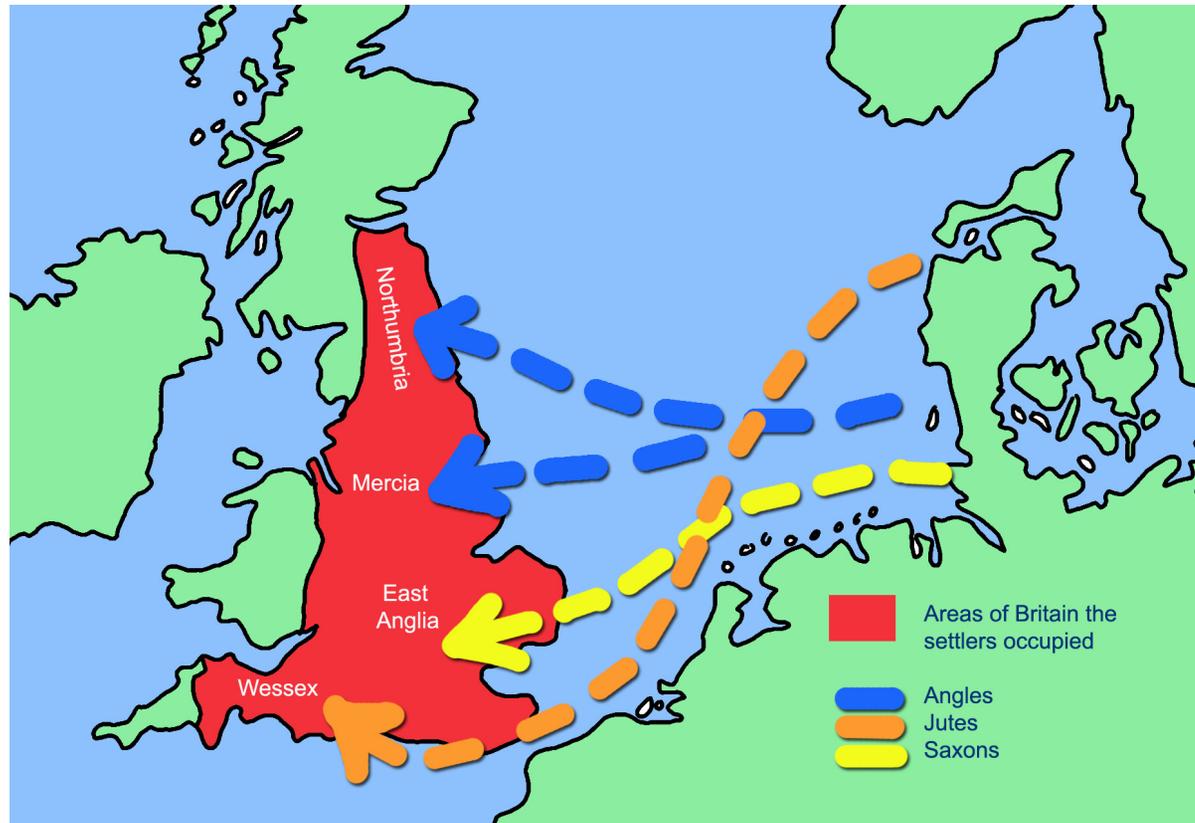


What do you know about these artefacts?
What do you think today's lesson is about?



What do we know?



The Romans invaded Britain in AD43. After that, for 400 years southern Britain was part of the Roman Empire. As Roman rule ended in the 5th century (400-499AD) other people began to travel in ships across the North Sea and settle in Britain. Historians call them Anglo-Saxons. The new settlers were a mixture of people from what we now call Germany, Denmark and Holland.

What do we know?

The Staffordshire Hoard

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Staffordshire_Hoard is a treasure find dating from Anglo-Saxon times.

Both the quality and quantity of this unique treasure are remarkable. The story of how it came to be left in the Staffordshire soil is likely to be more remarkable still.

The Hoard was first discovered in July 2009. The find is likely to spark decades of debate among archaeologists, historians and enthusiasts.

The Hoard comprises of in excess of 3, 000 individual items. Most are gold, although some are silver. Many are decorated with precious stones.

Most items appear to date from the seventh century, although there is already debate among experts about when the Hoard first entered the ground.

This was a period of great chaos. England did not yet exist. A number of kingdoms from different tribes fought each other to try and gain power. The Hoard lay at the heart of the Anglo-Saxon Kingdom of Mercia.

Why was the Hoard buried?

**There are several theories, but
as yet it remains a**

MYSTERY

**Can you help
historians and
archaeologists to
solve the mystery
of the
Staffordshire
Hoard?**



Plenary

