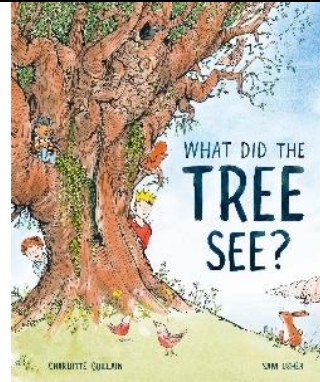


Key Question: How have woodlands changed from pre-history to now and why?

Prior Knowledge and Overview: All of the children have learned about the Roman and Saxon periods. The year 4 children also learned about the Stone, Iron and Bronze ages last year. The current year 3s will learn more about these periods next year. We will all learn more about the Vikings in term 6. This unit gives an overview of the whole of known history by looking at how woodlands have changed over time and why this has happened.

chronology	putting events and periods into the correct time order
witness	somebody who has seen things happen
era	a period of time in history - e.g. 'The Roman era'
pre-history	the time before written records began
living memory	times that people who are still alive can remember
sustainability	taking care of our world to protect it for future generations
coppicing	cutting a tree down to its stump so that it will regrow quickly



During the iron age, humans made stronger tools and began to use more land for farming.

When the Romans arrived, they expanded farming, built long straight roads and cleared more woodland to make space for all their new technology.

The Anglo-Saxons only needed to clear small areas of woodland for farming and to build timber halls.

The Vikings, who settled across Lincolnshire, needed to cut down lots of timber—especially for shipbuilding.

Next came the medieval period. The population grew and woods began to be managed more carefully to make the space that was needed.

During the Industrial Era, the need for timber, fuel, and building materials soared. Factories, railways, and large-scale agriculture reshaped the landscape and lots more woodland was cut down.

During prehistoric times, woodlands were used for hunting, shelter, finding firewood, making tools from natural materials and foraging for food.

In modern times, many woodlands are cared for and protected to make sure they will be sustainable in the future.

What might the future bring for Britain's ancient woodlands?