# **Core Skills Analysis**

### **History**

- The student gained an understanding of the Anglo-Saxon period, specifically focusing on the societal and political structures of the time.
- Exploration of Viking raids and settlements allowed the student to learn about cultural exchanges and conflicts between the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.
- The student analyzed the significance of the year 1066 and its impact on English history, particularly through the lens of the Battle of Hastings.
- Field visits to historical sites, such as castles, provided tangible context for learning about medieval architecture and feudal systems.

## **Tips**

To further develop the student's understanding of these historical periods, consider encouraging them to read more deeply about the cultural implications of the Viking invasions and their connections to Anglo-Saxon culture. Activities such as creating a timeline of significant events leading up to the Battle of Hastings or engaging in a project on the everyday life in a Saxon village would enhance their learning. Field trips to additional historical sites, such as museums focused on Anglo-Saxon or Viking artifacts, may also offer valuable insights. Involving the student in discussions about how these historical events shape modern Britain can also be beneficial.

#### **Book Recommendations**

- The Anglo-Saxons: A History of the Sundering of the English Land from Prehistoric Times to the 8th Century by James Campbell: This comprehensive history outlines the transformation of England from Roman rule through the Anglo-Saxon period, detailing key events and figures.
- <u>Viking Warriors</u> by Judith J. K. Johnson: An engaging exploration of Viking history focusing on their culture, raids, and impacts on the British Isles, presented with vivid imagery and stories.
- <u>1066</u>: The Year of the Conquest by David Howarth: This book presents a detailed narrative of the events leading up to and following the Battle of Hastings in 1066, highlighting its significance in English history.

### **Learning Standards**

- History Curriculum: Understand historical concepts such as continuity and change, cause and consequence (KS2).
- National Curriculum for History: Develop an understanding of the significance of historical events and the ability to analyze causes and similarities (KS2).
- English History: Insight into the formation of modern Britain through events like the Battle of Hastings (KS2).