

## Saxon Harrow

Session takes approx. 90 mins

**Aim:** Discover the links between modern Harrow and Saxon Harrow, focusing on place names as evidence as well as artefacts. Investigate ancient clues in our modern landscape.

### Session breakdown

During the object handling parts of this session, the class is divided into two groups to facilitate closer access to the artefacts for the children. Both groups do each activity.

**Whole Class:** Introduction to Saxon Harrow, through discussion and role play

**Object handling (half the class):** Children will work in pairs to see if they can identify Saxon replica objects and their uses.

**Coin Activity (half the class):** Children will focus on an extra special Saxon coin, found in Harrow, to see what it can tell them about the history of the period.

**Hedge Dating Activity:** Find out the origins of Headstone's prickly Saxon name and discover how our hedgerows can give us clues to the age of our settlements!

### Curriculum Links:

- History: Anglo-Saxon invasions, settlements and kingdoms: place names and village life
- A local history study
- Historical questioning skills.
- Science: identifying and classifying
- Geography: types of settlement and land use