



The first letter of each chapter or page is decorated in an amazing way.



An illuminated manuscript is an elaborate book often made by monks.



410AD
When the Romans left Britain, Christianity was the official religion.



Year Four Christianity in Britain

Emperor Constantine was the first Roman Emperor to convert to Christianity, making Christianity the main religion of the empire!



Summer 2

They aimed to convert the **pagans** to Christianity.



King Aethelbert of Kent (an Anglo Saxon) invited the pope to send missionaries from Rome. After he was baptised, he began building churches and cathedrals.



Christianity was spread across the Roman Empire by **missionaries**.

There were many famous **missionaries** and many of them went on to become **saints**.

St Patrick was a missionary who went to Ireland, he is now Ireland's patron saint.



St Columba built a monastery on the Scottish Isle of Iona which helped convert the Scottish picts.



The **Venerable Bede** wrote the "Ecclesiastical History of the English".



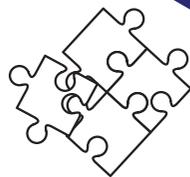
The book was an account of life in Britain between 54BC and 597 AD.

Monks were an important part of Medieval Europe.

Some monasteries became universities.



They were some of the only people who could read at the time!



Monks studied grammar, logic, mathematics, law and religion.



410 AD



Romans leave Britain

461 AD



St Patrick is thought to have gone to Ireland

563AD



The Iona monastery is built

597 AD



King Aethelbert converts to Christianity

Bede lived in a monastery in Northumberland. He was a scientist too! He believed the world was round and that the moon controls the tides.

Glossary

Manuscript - a book that is written by hand

Missionary - someone sent to promote Christianity in a foreign country

Monks - a man who devotes their life to religion

Monasteries - a place where monks live, work and study

Pagans - a word used in the past to describe non-Christians

Persecuted - to treat someone badly based on religion, race or gender

Saint - someone considered holy after their death