



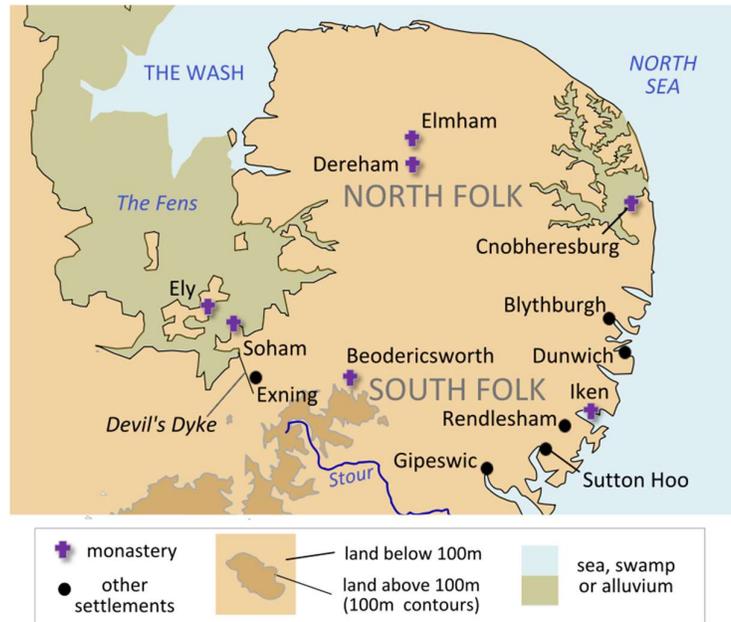
Knowledge Organiser for Year 3/4 Topic -
Why was Ely Cathedral Built?
How has Ely Cathedral changed over time?

The Isle of Ely has been inhabited since around 652 AD – more than one thousand years ago! The first building on The Isle was a small monastery. Over hundreds of years the monastery faced destruction many times due to its position of importance. The Cathedral we see today was built in around 1109, although many parts were restored in 1987.

| Key Vocabulary | |
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| <u>cathedral</u> | the main church of a diocese, with which the bishop is officially associated. |
| <u>fenland</u> | fenland – an area of wetland located in the East of England. |
| <u>monastery</u> | a building or buildings occupied by a community of monks living under religious vows. |
| abbot | the head of the monastery, the most superior member |
| pilgrim | a person who goes to a sacred place for religious reasons |
| <u>abbey</u> | a religious building where nuns live. |
| <u>saint</u> | a holy person |
| <u>shrine</u> | a holy place dedicated to an important religious person |
| <u>plunder</u> | to steal goods from a person or place, typically using force during a time of war or civil disorder. |

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| <u>defendable</u> | capable of being defended against armed attack |
| coronation | the ceremony of crowning a sovereign |
| rebellion | an act of armed resistance to an established government or leader. |
| diocese | a group of churches run by a bishop. |
| bishop | a person in charge of a group of churches. |
| excommunicated | officially excluded from participation in the services of the Roman Catholic Church. |
| chapter | a cathedral chapter is a college of clerics who advise the bishop |
| dean | the head of the chapter of a Cathedral |
| reclaim | to retrieve or recover something |

| Key People | |
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| Etheldreda  | Abbess of Ely and an Anglo-Saxon Saint. She was born in 636 AD and died in 679 AD |
| Hereward the Wake  | Anglo-Saxon rebel who defended The Isle of Ely against Norman Invasion. He was most active from 1070 - 1071 |
| Cornelius Vermuyden  | A Dutch engineer who introduced Dutch land reclamation methods to England in the 1650s. |



A map of East Anglia (6th – 10th Century)