Task 1: GUESS THE KENNING

Below is a list of some Old English kennings. An approximation of the pronunciation is given in italics. Try saying them out loud and sometimes you will recognise the Modern English words that they have become. A literal translation of the two halves of the compound is then given below. Can you guess what each kenning means?

- **hilde-leoma**
  - hilda-lemer
  - battle-light

- **waeg-hengest**
  - way-hengest
  - wave-stallion

- **ban-hus**
  - barn-hoos
  - bone-house

- **hilde-naedre**
  - hilda-naadra
  - battle-adder/snake

- **heofen-candel**
  - heven-kandel
  - heaven-candle

- **mod-hord**
  - mowd-hoard
  - thought-hoard

- **boc-hord**
  - bowk-hoard
  - book-hoard

- **dea-helle**
  - deth-hella
  - death-hall

- **sumeres-weard**
  - sumeres-werd
  - summer’s-guardian

- **heafdes-gimmas**
  - hevdes-yimmas
  - head’s-jewels