



Year 7 History

Subject Overview	Year 7 history explores how the world and Britain were shaped. Key topics that students will study include how Ancient Civilisations shaped the world, the Norman Conquest in 1066, the development of medieval power, periods of change and crisis with a focus on the Peasants Revolt and the early modern era with a focus on Tudor England and the English Civil War. The curriculum also includes a localised study on the Witchcraze in Colchester. Our intent is to equip students with valuable history skills focused on causation, consequence and change while encouraging them to evaluate historical evidence which allows them to create well supported arguments.	
Curriculum Intent & Skills		
Autumn 1	Ancient Civilisations - students study Ancient China, Ancient Greece, Ancient Egypt and Ancient Rome. Students study inventions and innovations that came from these civilizations and how they impacted the world today.	Students study chronology, change and significance. Skills focus on identifying key features and explanation. AO1 AO3.
Autumn 2	The Norman Conquest - students study the impact of the Norman Conquest and how this shaped the political and social changes within England. Development of the feudal system and social structure.	Students expand their practice of significance, change and continuity and skill practice of features and explanation. AO1 AO2.
Spring 1	Castles and Crusades - students study the impact of the Norman Conquest on English power and then the Crusades. The development of religion in England and the impact of Christianity and the Crusades.	Students develop skills on change and continuity with a focus on consequences. AO1 AO2.
Spring 2	Plague and Revolution - students study the Black Death and the devastating impact this had on Europe and the wider world. They learn about the impact on trading routes and how this social change led to the Peasants Revolt in England.	Students continue to study skills of significance, similarity and difference with a focus on explanation and consequence. AO1 AO2.
Summer 1	Tudor England - students study the development of the Tudor dynasty and the political and social impact on England. Specific focus on Elizabeth's long reign and the impact of exploration on the wider world.	Students study a variety of sources and explore power. With skills focus on features, consequence and judgement. AO1 AO2 AO3.
Summer 2	The English Civil War and Local Study - students study the causes, events and consequences of the English Civil War and the impact this war had on society and how it shaped England's government and monarchy. Students then complete a local study on the Witchcraze in Colchester.	Students study sources and interpretations from local history studies and causation.. Skills focus on features, consequence and judgement. AO1 AO2 AO3 AO4.

Additional Information		
Assessment	Students will be assessed on their written skills half termly. Half termly assessments will consist of a range of different questions to develop confidence throughout the year. Multiple choice questions, short answers, chronology and writing a paragraph. Assessments are designed to reflect the knowledge and skill students have built up over the half term.	
Inclusion	The history department ensures that all students can access the curriculum and be successful through using a range of activities to build confidence: guided reading, regular whiteboard checks and quizzes alongside homework which helps to build knowledge over time.	
Homework Structure	Students are given two pieces of homework each half term. They have two google forms testing vocabulary and knowledge they are accessible through google classroom. This homework should take around 15-20 minutes to complete.	
Online resources	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zshtyrd https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/czwssk7#z4jff82	BBC Bitesize on the Norman Conquest, English Civil War and the Black Death - videos, games and quizzes.
Extra Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'The Norman Conquest History For Kids' Miles Kensington • 'A Time Travellers Guide To Medieval England' Ian Mortimer 	
Enrichment	We offer a trip to Mountfitchet Castle in the Summer term. This allows students to enrich what they have learnt across this year.	

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