

CURRICULUM INTENT

It is the intention of the History curriculum to explore events and individuals from the past, which have shaped the society we now live in and led to greater equality for all. Although some groups or individuals have struggled, their perseverance has changed the lives of many. When studying history pupils gain a coherent knowledge and understanding of Britain's history and that of the wider world, which helps to stimulate pupils' curiosity to know more about the past; are encouraged to ask perceptive questions, think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments, and develop perspective and judgement. They begin to understand the complexity of people's lives, the process of change, the diversity of societies and relationships between different groups, as well as their own identity and the challenges of their time. We equip our pupils with the skills needed to excel in life, no matter their background and with a goal to ignite a passion for learning in the process.

SUPPORT AT HOME

THRESHOLD CONCEPTS

TC1 Human Rights—the development and struggles for human rights, equality and freedom underpins many historical events.

TC2 Chronology—an understanding of how all historical events fit into a sequence of historical periods.

TC3 Change over time—all historical events lead to change and development in a country's democracy, economy and political landscape.

TC4 Critical thinking—all historical events require the need to be analysed from different perspectives, using a range of primary and secondary sources judiciously.

TC5 Cause and Effect—all historical events are the result of actions and decisions that then have consequences and impact. The significant impact that individuals or small groups can have may affect diverse groups in society, or wider populations.

- Visiting castles, galleries, museums, and places of historic importance such as the Black Country Museum
- Exploring websites such as BBC Bitesize or www.ducksters.com/ history
- Talking about history in the news
- Supporting with homework

ENRICHMENT

Enrichment opportunities:

- Visits to castles, galleries and museums
- Trips linked to themes
- Guest speakers
- History Lunch Club

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

The key stage 3 history curriculum allows pupils to develop their understanding of British democracy and how it has developed throughout history. They have a clear understanding of where it started and how far we have come as a nation and international power over time. Pupils have a detailed knowledge of the development and struggles for human rights in Britain and the wider world. It is important that pupils know the positive impact that individuals or small groups have on diverse groups in society. Our history curriculum lets pupils delve into others' histories and also see themselves in those that they study, no matter what their background.

CURRICULUM LINKS

- **Geography** – World History
- **PRE** - The role of religion and its impact on Britain and the wider world.
- **English** – The use of inference and other reading skills when investigating the past.
- **PSHE** – The development of human rights and British values are taught throughout the whole curriculum.

CAREERS

- Historian
- Journalist
- Lawyer
- Teacher / lecturer
- Archaeologist
- Librarian
- Heritage and museums
- Civil service
- Media researcher
- Political analyst

Students will:

What is history?

- Understand the concepts and skills needed to be a historian.

The Legacy of the Romans

- To know the origins of Ancient Rome
- Key features of the Roman Empire
- The reasons why and consequences of the Roman Empire in Britain.

- Introduce students to the role of a historian and the key concepts that historical arguments are built around.
- Bridge the gap between key stage 2 and 3 history by studying pre-1066 England and the classical world.
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VOCABULARY

Historian
Significance
Change
Consequence
Cause
Source
Interpretation
Empire
Invasion
Legacy

READING SKILLS

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HALF TERM 2: PRE 1066 England / Classics

WHAT

WHY

HOW

THRESHOLD CONCEPTS: TC2, TC3, TC4 & TC5

Classics Taster Sessions:

- Learn about key events and individuals in classical civilisation, including Roman gods and goddesses, Hercules, the Pantheon, the Foundation of Rome, Julius Caesar, the Underworld and various festivals.

The Anglo Saxons

- understand why the Anglo Saxons settled in England and the structure of their society.
- understand what life was like to live in Anglo Saxon England.
- study the Viking invasions and Anglo Saxon reactions.
- study the development of kingship and a united England during this period of history.

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VOCABULARY

Earls
Earldoms
Invasion
Vikings
Anglo Saxons
Archaeologists
Wessex
Mercia

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VOCABULARY

READING SKILLS

Students will:

The Normans:

- learn about the death of Edward the Confessor and the contenders to the throne.
- understand the reasons why William won the Battle of Hastings.
- learn about the English reaction to the king through a case study on the Harrying of the North.
- understand the links between the Norman Conquest and the democracy in present-day society.

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- Begin to develop students understanding of the origins of UK democracy, including the concept of a monarch and how their powers changed from the Anglo-Saxon period to the late medieval period.
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Feudal System
Domesday Book
Castles
Rebellion
House Carls
Conquest

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HALF TERM 2: MEDIEVAL ENGLAND

THRESHOLD CONCEPTS: TC1, TC3, TC4, TC5

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WHY

HOW

VOCABULARY

READING SKILLS

Students will:

Medieval Life & Religion:

- understand the differences between living in a medieval village and a medieval town, including the roles of women in medieval life, and their position within society.
- Learn about the importance of religion to medieval people and it's impact on their lives.

Medieval Kingship

- Learn about key turning points that led to the development of a more democratic England, such as the Magna Carta, the emergence of Parliament and the Peasant's Revolt.
- Understand the terms change and continuity and apply it to changes in kingship during the middle ages.

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Parliament
Magna Carta
Monarch
Rebellion
Peasants
Monks
Monasteries

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Students will:
Medieval Silk Roads

- Know the origins of the medieval silk roads.
- Understand the importance of the Silk Roads for world trade and opening up Europe to the rest of the World.

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VOCABULARY

Trade routes
Silk
Industry
Baghdad
Explorers
Asia
Inventions

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Students will:
Medieval Mali:

- Key features of medieval Mali.
- The work of Musa Mansa and Mali's contributions to the wider world.

Medieval Baghdad.

- Understand the key features of medieval Baghdad and its medical advancements.
- Understand the similarities and differences between medicine in England and Baghdad.
- Know individual contributions from the wider medieval Islamic civilisation.

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Trade
Islam
University
Mansa Musa
Mali
Emperor

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Students will:

- Study key features of Tudor life, including society, social class, the differences between rich and poor, and technology.
- Understand what is meant by the "Tudor Religious Rollercoaster" by studying Protestant and Catholic differences, and their treatment over time by various Tudor monarchs.

Depth Study: Elizabeth I

- Study women in Tudor times, including young Elizabeth and why she became Queen.

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- Support students with analysing sources when investigating the past.
- Students are able to learn about the shift in power from the monarch to the people of England. Specifically how Parliament became the main decision makers in Britain.
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VOCABULARY

Social pyramid
Social Class
Protestant
Catholic
Heresy
Bosworth
Heir
War of the Roses

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HALF TERM 2: THE TUDOR DYNASTY / CLASSICS

WHAT

Students will:

- Understand significant events in Elizabeth's reign including the Spanish Armada.

Classic Taster Sessions

- Understand what defines a hero in the Ancient and Modern world
- Learn about Greek Gods and Goddesses and their importance to Ancient Greek Civilisation
- Understanding developing cultural ideas from the Ancient world regarding death and burial

WHY

- Students have clear understanding of the concepts and skills used by a historian and how they build historical arguments.
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- Develop their understanding of classic life and literature.
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Spanish Armada
Philip II
Heresy
Defeat
Parthenon
Athens

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Students will:

The Gunpowder Plot

- learn about the change of power between the Tudors and the Stuarts, including James I and his treatment of Catholics.
- learn about the Gunpowder Plot, including the causes, events, and consequences.
- Explore and evaluate whether Guy Fawkes was framed, using a range of source material.

The English Civil Wars

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TC5

VOCABULARY

Divine Right
Taxes
Puritans
Parliament
Roundheads
Cavaliers
New model Army

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HALF TERM 2: 'A WORLD UPSIDE DOWN?' LIFE AFTER THE ENGLISH CIVIL WARS

WHAT

Students will:

Cromwell

- understand the influence and impact of Lord Protector Cromwell, interpretations of him as a leader, and his work in England and Ireland.

The Glorious Revolution

- learn about the arrival of "the Merry Monarch" Charles II and the changes to English democracy.
- Understand the changes made to the role of the monarch during the Glorious Revolution.

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THRESHOLD CONCEPTS: TC1, TC3, TC4,

TC5

VOCABULARY

Commonwealth
Lord Protector
Drogheda
Restoration
Charles II
Merry Monarch
English Bill of Rights

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Students will:

The British Empire and India

- ↳ understand the development of the British Empire during the 1600s and 1700s
- ↳ learn about the British invasion of India, and what life was like before the British arrived
- ⇒ evaluate whether conflict in India was a mutiny or a war of independence, and study historical interpretations of The Jewel in the Crown

The Abolition of Slavery

- ⇒ learn about Africa before the European slave trade
- ↳ To know the stages of the Triangular slave trade and its impact on enslaved people.
- ↳ study the work of Equiano and Wilberforce and explore why slavery was abolished

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VOCABULARY

Imperialism,
Colony,
Empress,
British Raj,
British East India
Company,
Slave trade,
Triangular trade,
Plantation,
Resistance,
Auction,
Abolition

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HOW

VOCABULARY

Industrial Revolution
Working Class
Middle Class
Reform
Pace of Change
Extent of Change
Production
Invention
Public Health

READING SKILLS

Students will:

- learn about Britain between 1750-1900 and how society was divided through the class system.
- study the "Age of Invention", and the significance of key individuals and inventions, with local links to the Black Country.
- understand labour and conditions for the working classes in factories, focusing on education and working class children.
- learn about factory improvements and the role of Shaftesbury.
- study women in the industrial period.

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HALF TERM 2: DEVELOPMENTS OF WORLD WAR ONE

WHAT

WHY

HOW

THRESHOLD CONCEPTS: TC1, TC4, TC5

VOCABULARY

Militarism
Imperialism
Alliances
Nationalism
Global War
Trenches
Western Front
Recruitment

READING SKILLS

Students will:

Causes of World War One

- investigate the long and short term causes of World War One.

World War One

- understand how soldiers from the Black Country and wider world were recruited by the British Army, and the trench system.
- understand the conditions of the trenches and the medical developments during the war.
- understand how and why the war ended.

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THRESHOLD CONCEPTS: TC1, TC2, TC3, TC4, TC5

WHAT

Students will:

Interwar Years:

- learn about international relations after World War One, including the Treaty of Versailles.
- learn about the Russian Revolution.
- investigate how women gained the vote in 1919.
- study the 'roaring twenties' in Britain.
- learn about the setting up of Weimar Germany and its early problems.
- Impact of the Wall Street Crash on the World.

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VOCABULARY

Revolution
Treaty of Versailles
Tsar
Depression
Diktat
Suffrage
Democracy

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HALF TERM 2: WORLD WAR TWO

THRESHOLD CONCEPTS: TC1, TC2, TC4, TC5

WHAT

Students will:

Rise of the Dictators:

- understand the difference between a dictatorship and a democracy.
- investigate the rise of the dictators, including Hitler, Stalin and Mussolini.

The Causes of Second World War

- study the causes of the Second World War, including appeasement.

Key events of the Second World War

- study the significant events of World War Two, such as Dunkirk and D Day.

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VOCABULARY

Fascism
Nationalism
Communism
Appeasement
Axis Powers
Allies
Mussolini
Stalin

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Students will:

Key events of the Second World War

- study the significant events of World War Two.
- learn about the road persecution and the Holocaust.

Post War Fight for Equality

- understand the importance of the Windrush movement.
- study civil rights matters in the UK and abroad, including Black Civil Rights, gender and LGBTQ+

Superpowers:

- investigate international relations after World War Two and world superpowers.
- study the impact of the Cold War on world relations, including events such as the Berlin Crisis and the invasion of Afghanistan.

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VOCABULARY

Allies
Concentration camp
Holocaust
Ghettos
Persecution
Anti-Semitism
Cold War
Superpowers
Immigration
Capitalism
Ideology
Civil Rights
Discrimination
LGBTQ+

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