



# Curriculum Overview

## Curriculum Area: HISTORY Year: 7

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#### **Autumn Term A: Study of Britain before 1066**

In this unit, pupils will learn the key vocabulary that will be used in the subject of History. Pupils will also explore how history is divided up into periods of time and that each of these are unique in the events that occurred and how people lived. This unit will also look at how we use evidence to find out about the past by primary and secondary sources. Furthermore, this unit will explore what life was like in England before the Norman conquest of 1066 by examining aspects of Roman, Anglo Saxon and Viking England. This will enable learners to study the origins and basis of society that we live in today.

#### **Autumn Term B: The Norman Conquest**

In this unit, pupils will examine the reasons why there was a claim for the throne in 1066 upon the death of Edward the Confessor. They will also explore what happened during 1066 and why this event is such a significant event in British History.

Furthermore, pupils will learn about how William gained his title 'William the Conqueror' through his actions after the Battle of Hastings such as the building of castles, introduction of the Feudal System, the Domesday book and changes to the law. This unit will also examine how far Anglo-Saxon England survived the Norman conquest by reflecting on what changed and what remained the same. Pupils will explore the role of women during this period with a study of Queen Matilda and the anarchy.

#### **Spring Term: Medieval Society**

All pupils will learn about the development of church, state and society in Medieval Britain. Pupils will be taught about the structure of Medieval society and the challenges that ordinary people faced daily. All pupils will explore the role and significance of religion within Medieval society and the Crusades which led to a lasting effect on Britain.

Pupils will study the changes to the authority of monarchy with the Magna Carta and the creation of the first parliament in 1265.

#### **Summer Term: Medieval Society and the reign of Henry VIII**

All pupils will study the causes and effect of the Black Death which led to the Peasants Revolt of 1381. Pupils will also learn about how the War of the Roses led to the creation of the Tudor period in Britain. Pupils will learn how the reigns of Henry VIII, Edward and Mary led to significant religious changes and conflicts which shaped future historical events within Britain.

### Links to KS3 National Curriculum

The study of an aspect or theme in British history that consolidates and extends pupils' chronological knowledge from before 1066. All pupils to understand the origins of these British Isles and that a complex structure of law and order existed within society.

The development of Church, state and society in Medieval Britain 1066-1509 and the impact of the Norman Conquest led to significant changes in the development of religion, state and society that formed the basis of society that we live in today.

The development of Church, state and society in Medieval Britain 1066-1509 and the structure of Medieval society and the difficulties that ordinary people faced in their everyday lives. The significance of religion within Medieval society and how this often led to conflict and war and the actions of monarchs and barons that led to the creation of parliament. The impact of the Black Death and the changes to society.

The development of church, state and society in Britain 1509-1558 and the significance of individuals that created religious uncertainty in England in both the short and long term.

### Knowledge and understanding of this curriculum will be assessed by:

- Showing secure knowledge on the reasons for the claim to the English throne in 1066.
- Secure knowledge of 'how far Anglo Saxon England survived the Norman Conquest.'
- Secure knowledge on the reasons why people went on the first Crusades.
- Secure knowledge of differing interpretations of King John and Magna Carta.
- Secure knowledge of the facts surrounding the Black Death and its impact on

### Powerful Knowledge/Cultural Capital Opportunities

How/why the events of 1066 were major turning points in British history.

Understanding of the place and importance of London in medieval Britain

Knowledge and understanding of the origins of society and the class system that we live in today are based on the rule of the Anglo Saxons.

Knowledge and understanding of political protest and actions of ordinary citizens against the authority.