



History Curriculum Map Lent Term 2025

Year 3	Pupils in year 3 will continue to study the Ancient Greek civilization for the first half of term with a focus on the Battle of Marathon, myths, daily life and trade. After half term they will move on to a new topic, learning about the rich culture of two of West Africa's ancient Kingdoms, Mali and Benin.
Year 4	The first half of this term's history topic is Roman Britain. Pupils will continue their study of the Romans with a focus on the Roman occupation and the legacy of Roman settlement in Britain. Following half term pupils will move on to a new topic, the 'Invaders and settlers,' studying the Anglo-Saxons followed by the Viking invasions.
Year 5	Pupils in Year 5 will continue their study of the medieval period this term. Topics will include the medieval manor and life of ordinary peasants and compare this with life in towns. Pupils will learn about the power and importance of the Catholic Church at this time, before concluding the term with a brief study of King John's reign and the Magna Carta.
Year 6	Pupils in Year 6 conclude their study of Henry VIII with an investigation into the sinking of the Mary Rose, before shifting focus to Henry's children. Our main focus will be on the 'religious rollercoaster' which England went through under the reigns of Edward VI, Mary and Elizabeth I. The reign of Elizabeth I and 'Life in Tudor England' will be studied in more detail than Edward VI and Mary I.
Year 7	The Stuart topic continues this term with a study of the key events of the English Civil War. We will study the tactics and weapons used and analyse three major battles of the war along with the role and rise to prominence of Oliver Cromwell. We will also cover the trial and execution of Charles I and the interregnum.
Year 8	Year 8 pupils will build on last term's Industrialisation of Britain topic with a study of the British Empire. Within this topic we will study the trans-Atlantic slave trade and Britain's role in both the development of this trade and in ending it. Pupils will complete project work on different aspects of the Empire and its many peoples over the Easter holiday. The development of key historical skills and analytical essay writing will be woven through the term's topics.