

YEAR 7 – HISTORY

Term 1

Topic	Powerful Knowledge
Historical Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chronology • BC vs AD • How to interpret and analyse sources
The Stone Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are people doing at each stage (Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic) • Explain why the Neolithic is the most important stage • Describe the Neolithic revolution as setting into communities and the changes this caused
Ancient Greece	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare the city states of Athens and Sparta • Describe Democracy and Philosophy in Athens • Describe the hierarchy and roles in Ancient Greece • Describe the breakdown of society
Ancient Egypt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the monarchy, republic and dictatorships • Describe the role of the Senate • Describe the Roman Empire and it's army • Describe Roman religion and the impact of Constatine

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Saxon England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 kingdoms – Northumbria, Mercia, Wessex, East Anglia and Kent • Society breakdown linked to hierarchy and roles • Comparison with Rome
Norman Conquest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claimants to the throne 1066 and links to 5 kingdoms. • Stamford Bridge • Hastings (specific focus on why William wins) • Norman England – Feudal System/Doomsday book
Medieval England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village/Town in Medieval England – what was it like • Breakdown of Catholicism in England
Crusades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Land - What is it? Why is it important? • Pope Urban and Crusade events • Consequences – what did we get from the crusades?
Black Death	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What did people think caused it • How did it link to God • How was it treated?

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Catholic Church & Martin Luther	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hierarchy breakdown - Recap of Feudal system and church hierarchy • Luther's 95 Theses & breakdown of Protestantism - differences between Protestant and Catholic • Printing Press – why was this important?
Reformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Henry VIII & King's Great Matter – Reformation to Protestantism – breakdown of Church of England • Mary I – Changes counter reformation • Elizabeth I – The Halfway
Stuarts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James I&VI – popularity issues - religious issues • Gunpowder plot - why it began and consequences
Civil War	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Causes – Charles I problems (Divine Right of Kings) • Cromwell - New Model Army and battles • Consequences – Regicide
Cromwell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cromwell's rule – Puritan beliefs and policies
Restoration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cromwell's death/Richard resigning • Restoration of Monarchy – Charles II as the Merry Monarch - religion (less puritan)