



History: Year 7 Overview

Autumn 1: How did the Anglo-Saxons create England?

Students are introduced to history as a discipline, the work of historians and the potential dangers of its misuse. They then move on to an enquiry into how the Anglo-Saxons created England, which includes the study of society, religion, culture and law and order.

Autumn 2: How did the Normans change England?

Following on chronologically from Autumn 1, students will complete an enquiry into the ways in which the Normans changed England after 1066. Students will study the changes and the continuities between the two periods and assess the extent of change.

Spring 1: Magna Carta and Medieval Life

Students will explore the beginnings of democracy in Britain and assess whether King John deserves his bad reputation. Students will also study the lives of ordinary people in the medieval period, both in Britain and further afield.

Spring 2: Medieval Life

Students study the Black Death and the Silk Road and will allow students to begin to understand the history of Britain in a wider European and global context.

Summer 1: Reformation

Students study the huge changes brought about by the Reformation and the impact of these changes on politics, monarchy and the lives of ordinary people. Students will get a sense of the turmoil of this period and will produce extended writing analysing the consequences of the Reformation.

Summer 2: Expansion of the world in the 16th and 17th centuries

Students will study the exploration of the 16th and 17th centuries and the reasons for this increased interest in the world beyond Britain.