

KS3 History

Course Outline for Key Stage 3:

If you think that History is all about dead people who don't matter any more ... think again! History is an extremely exciting subject. When we study the past, we learn a lot about ourselves, and we can make better decisions and choices in the future.

History is all about people and their actions. We learn why certain events happened, and the consequences of those events or actions. History is full of exciting battles, amazing inventions, acts of heroism, sneaky plots and great discoveries. All these things helped to shape the world we live in.

But we also learn a lot of very important skills, which will help us with all our other subjects. These skills will be extremely useful in later life, too.



	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Autumn 1	Historical skills, and the Tollund Man Mystery	What would Britain look like today if it had never had an empire?	How could an event like the Holocaust happen today?
Autumn 2	To what extent did England change after 1066?		What can campaigns for change actually achieve?
Spring 1			How can we avoid global conflict?
Spring 2	Who was more important in Medieval England – the king or the Church?	How can destruction lead to creation?	What can the Cold War teach us about avoiding global conflict?
Summer 1	Should historical figures be celebrated if they did questionable things?	Can conflicts teach us to be more peaceful?	What do we understand by the term 'geopolitics'?
Summer 2	Who was more important in the 16 th century – the king or the Church?	Can learning about Hitler's rise to power prevent the rise of future dictators?	

Assessment and feedback:

Students will complete formal assessments throughout the year, usually at the end of each major topic.

How parents/carers can help:

- Encourage your child to read independently outside of the lesson, to watch the news, and take an interest in current events.
- Take your child to historical sites and museums, to give them an opportunity to experience the history all around us.
- Make sure your child spends quality time on homework.

Points of contact:

- Your child's History teacher, or
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