KS3 History CURRICULUM OVERVIEW 2026 - 2027

YR7	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Content	Britain before 1066	**Medieval Britain 1066-1509** The Norman Conquest	**Medieval Britain 1066-1509** Life in the Middle Ages		**Medieval Britain 1066-1509** Power in the Middle Ages	**Medieval Britain 1066-1509** The Black Death
Key new knowledge	• The story of Britain up to 1066. • Before 1066: Anglo-Saxon England • The contenders of the next King of England in 1066. • The Battle of Stamford Bridge. • Weapons and battle tactics used in the Battle of Hastings. • The Battle of Hastings. • King Harold's death.	• The conquest of England. • William the castle builder. • The Doomsday Book. • The Feudal system • How life changed under the Normans.	• How castles changed after 1066. • The key roles in a Medieval castle. • The siege of Rochester castle. • What life was like in a Medieval village. • What life was like in a Medieval town. • How the people in the Middle Ages had fun. • How football has changed since the Middle Ages. • What food was like in Medieval times. • The role of a Medieval Knight.		• The quarrel between Henry II and Thomas Becket – the crown vs church. • King John and the Magna Carta. • Where our parliament came from. • Why peasants were so angry in 1381. • The angry peasant's revolt in London. • How Law and Order was maintained in the Middle Ages. • Trial and Punishment	• What the standards of cleanliness and personal hygiene were like. • The Black Death. • How deadly was the Black Death? • Medical treatments in the Middle Ages. • How Medieval and Tudor Kings & Queens died.
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Content	**The Development of Church, State and Society in Britain 1509 – 1745** Life in Tudor Times	**The Development of Church, State and Society in Britain 1509 – 1745** From Civil War to Commonwealth	**Ideas, Political Power, Industry and Empire: Britian 1745 – 1901** The Industrial Revolution	**Ideas, Political Power, Industry and Empire: Britian 1745 – 1901** The Slave Trade	**Ideas, Political Power, Industry and Empire: Britian 1745 – 1901** Britain versus France	**Ideas, Political Power, Industry and Empire: Britian 1745 – 1901** India: A British Empire case study
Key new knowledge	●The main groups in Tudor society. ●What Tudor schools were like. ●How the Tudors entertained themselves. ●Tudor Theatres ●Tudor daily routines, including food. ●Tudor Crime and Punishment	• Why were the English fighting with each other? • Roundheads versus Cavaliers. • The New Model Army. • Why was King Charles I sentenced to death? • Cromwell: the man who banned Christmas. • The Monarchy returns.	• From homeworks to factory workers. • How factories created towns. • Children working in factories. • How factory conditions were improved. • The use of coal and iron. • How changes in industry changed transport. • Causes of the Industrial Revolution.	• What the slave trade was. • A life of slavery. • Why slavery was abolished.	• European settlement in North America. • The French King's execution and its link to Britain • The Battle of Trafalgar Square. • The Battle of Waterloo and Napoleon's last stand.	• The development of the British Empire. • What India was like before the British arrived. • Invasion of India. • The causes and consequences of events in India. • Different viewpoints of the British takeover of India.

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Content	**Challenges for Britain, Europe and the Wider World: 1901 – the present day** The First World War	**Challenges for Britain, Europe and the Wider World: 1901 – the present day** Power in the early Twentieth Century	**Challenges for Britain, Europe and the Wider World: 1901 – the present day** A depth study of Second World War, including the The Holocaust		**A Significant Society in World History & its Interconnections with other World Developments** The post-war world	**Challenges for Britain, Europe and the Wider World: 1901 – the present day** Changes in the British Empire
Key new knowledge	• Why the First World War started. • Joining the forces. • Experience of the trenches. • Weapons used during the First World War. • How the soldiers were treated. • How the First World War changed medicine. • What it was like on the home front. • How countries tried to avoid more wars.	• Democracy and Dictatorship. • Fascism and Communism. • What Germany was like in the 1920s. • Why Hitler became so popular. • What life was like in Nazi Germany. • The causes of the Second World War.	• Overview of the Second World War. • Dunkirk – a success or failure • Operation Sealion. • Contributions from the British Empire. • Evacuation • The Home Front. • How the Second World War changed health and medicine. • Dresden bombing. • Was Winston Churchill a great leader? • The 'Final Solution' and Holocaust. • The USA joined the War. • The United Nations.		• The Welfare State after the war. • Why was there a Cold War? • The Cold War hotspots. • Cold war rivalries. • A United Europe.	• The decline of the British Empire. • Independence for India. • Independence for Africa. • Why people Migrate to Britain after the war. • Windrush generation. • Multicultural Britain.

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