KS2 History Program of Study

Hi2/1.1 Pre-Roman Britain

Pupils should be taught about changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age

This could include:

- a. late Neolithic hunter-gatherers and early farmers, for example, Skara Brae
- b. Bronze Age religion, technology and travel, for example, Stonehenge
- c. Iron Age hill forts: tribal kingdoms, farming, art and culture

Hi2/1.2 Roman Britain

Pupils should be taught about the Roman empire and its impact on Britain

This could include:

- a. Julius Caesar's attempted invasion in 55-54 BC
- b. the Roman Empire by AD 42 and the power of its army
- c. successful invasion by Claudius and conquest, including Hadrian's Wall
- d. British resistance, for example, Boudica
- e. "Romanisation" of Britain: sites such as Caerwent and the impact of technology, culture and beliefs, including early Christianity

Hi2/1.3 Anglo-Saxons & Scots

Pupils should be taught about Britain's settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots

This could include:

- a. Roman withdrawal from Britain in c. AD 410 and the fall of the western Roman Empire
- b. Scots invasions from Ireland to north Britain (now Scotland)
- c. Anglo-Saxon invasions, settlements and kingdoms: place names and village life
- d. Anglo-Saxon art and culture
- e. Christian conversion Canterbury, Iona and Lindisfarne

Hi2/1.4 Anglo-Saxons & Vikings

Pupils should be taught about the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor

This could include:

- a. Viking raids and invasion
- b. resistance by Alfred the Great and Athelstan, first king of England
- c. further Viking invasions and Danegeld
- d. Anglo-Saxon laws and justice
- e. Edward the Confessor and his death in 1066

Hi2/2.1 Local History

Pupils should be taught about an aspect of local history

For example:

- a. a depth study linked to one of the British areas of study listed above
- b. a study over time tracing how several aspects of national history are reflected in the locality (this can go beyond 1066)
- c. a study of an aspect of history or a site dating from a period beyond 1066 that is significant in the locality.

Hi2/2.2 Extended chronological study

Pupils should be taught a study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066

For example:

- a. the changing power of monarchs using case studies such as John, Anne and Victoria
- b. changes in an aspect of social history, such as crime and punishment from the Anglo-Saxons to the present or leisure and entertainment in the 20th Century
- c. the legacy of Greek or Roman culture (art, architecture or literature) on later periods in British history, including the present day
- d. a significant turning point in British history, for example, the first railways or the Battle of Britain

Hi2/2.3 Ancient Civilizations

Pupils should be taught about the achievements of the earliest civilizations - an overview of where and when the first civilizations appeared and a depth study of one of the following:

- a. Ancient Sumer;
- b. The Indus Valley;
- c. Ancient Egypt; or
- d. The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China

Hi2/2.4 Ancient Greece

Pupils should be taught a study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world

Hi2/2.5 Non-European Study

Pupils should be taught about a non-European society that provides contrasts with British history - one study chosen from:

- a. early Islamic civilization, including a study of Baghdad c. AD 900;
- b. Mayan civilization c. AD 900; or
- c. Benin (West Africa) c. AD 900-1300