

History, Year 8

Half term 1	The Stuarts and the Gunpowder Plot Students will study the accession of James I and the different interpretations of the Gunpowder Plot. They will learn about the characters and beliefs of James I and Charles I.
Half term 2	The English Civil War Students will be taught about the causes and course of the English Civil War and how this country came to be governed by Parliament, rather than the Monarchy.
Half term 3	The Industrial Revolution and Edwardian England Students will be taught about the causes and consequences of the Industrial Revolution, the coming of factories, steam power, population changes etc. They will learn about the social changes caused by the Industrial Revolution, the industrial cities, public health problems and demands for reform. They will examine the Titanic disaster and other features of Edwardian England.
Half term 4	The First World War Students will be taught about the causes, course and consequences of the First World War including the assassination at Sarajevo, the battles on the Western Front, the involvement of different parts of the world, the home front and the peace process.
Half term 5	The Causes of WW2 Students will be taught about the rise of the Nazis in Germany and about life in Hitler's Germany. Students will look at Hitler's foreign policy and how it led to war.
Half term 6	The Second World War Students will study the main events and consequences of the Second World War in Europe and the Far East including the German Blitzkrieg, the invasion of Russia, the Holocaust, Pearl Harbour, D day and the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
Homework expectations	Students are expected to do least half an hour each week which will support them in consolidating learning from lessons. It may be learning key terms, practising an exam style answer or reviewing work that should be improved.
By the time you finish key stage 3 you'll be...	Explain many of the important changes that took place in British history. You will have practiced your skills of analysis, communication, evidence interpretation and debate.