



## What will you learn?

### Topic(s)

#### Term 1

Romans - Students will investigate the history of the Roman Empire including its influence on Europe. Students will focus on everyday Roman life, religion and the rise and fall of the Empire.

#### Term 2

Medieval Realms - Students will learn about the Norman Conquest and how Britain was changed by William the Conqueror. After half term they will study King John and assess what type of leader he was.

#### Term 3

Crusades and the Mughal Empire - Students begin by studying the interaction between the Christian Crusaders and the Islamic Empires of the Middle East before studying the development of the Mughals, India's greatest empire.

## How will you be assessed?

### Overall assessment

Students will be assessed through a combination of half-term assessments (in which they will begin to develop their GCSE examination skills), regular extended homework such as essays and presentations and ongoing projects.

### End of Year assessment

Our end of year examination is an hour long assessment in the style of their half termly tests but including all knowledge acquired across the academic year.

## Which resources should you use?

### Books, websites, online resources, trips and visits

John D Clare (website), history learning site, regularly checking Smart homework, trips to museums, BBC Bitesize and reading broadly around the subject.



## What independent work can you do?

### Books, websites, online resources

Use the VIP Zone, there you will find:

- An 'Independent Learning' folder full of resources and ideas to support your learning
- PLCs [Personal Learning Checks] - use these to rate your understanding of each topic and to recap and stretch your knowledge and skills.

Start revising. Try some of these to improve your understanding of each lesson and to help you prepare for assessments.

- **Summarise your notes:** Identify the key ideas and essential details. This technique improves understanding and retention by making information clearer and more manageable.
- **Flashcards:** Write key information on cards, don't forget to include an example
- **Mind maps:** Visually organize information by creating diagrams that connect ideas. This helps you see the relationships between topics.
- **Mnemonics:** Use songs, rhymes, or acronyms to help remember facts and figures.
- **Recording and replaying:** Record yourself reading notes and listen back to them.
- **Sticky notes:** Write / draw a key point on each note and place them around your house to help with memorisation.

Watch this: BBC Bitesize [The Best Memory Hacks to Help Your Revision](#)