

Edward Peake CofE (VC) Middle School

Humanities Department: Year 8 History Curriculum map

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| Continuity and Change Study of changing events over time. | Cause The study of events that lead to an event. | Similarity and difference Study and analysis of the diversity of history. | Significance Process to evaluate what was significant about a place or event. |
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Theme: States and society develop during the time of Empires

The purpose of this theme is to explore the political, religious and social transformation witnessed by Europe during the Renaissance and times of Empire from 1600 to 1920. At the end of this theme pupils will have a ground understanding of where European and global states were before the outbreak of WW1.

| Term | Topic | Intent | Steps | Concepts | Assessment |
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| Autumn | Development of state and society in Britain. | <i>Following on from the religious changes, this study explores the political impacts of these by focussing on the English Civil War, Glorious revolution and Acts of Union. These events saw huge political changes in Britain, including the ever increasing power of the government/ parliament as a voice of the people.</i> | The Gunpowder plot What caused the Civil War? Why did Charles lose the Civil War? Cromwell - hero or zero? | Significance Cause Similarity and difference | What caused the English Civil War? Why did Charles lose the Civil War? Was Oliver Cromwell a liberator or a traitor? Why was the Civil War the origin of modern day Britain? |
| Spring | The British Empire | <i>A powerful example of British superiority, this study explores whether it was exploration, trade or war which caused the Empire to grow, but also whether the British stuck to their core belief of: responsible, duty, sympathetic and self-sacrifice. Pupils will evaluate the British rule in India as well as critically reflect on the benefits of Triangular Trade.</i> | Scale of the Empire India: Jewel in the Crown Triangular Trade Scramble for Africa | Continuity and change Significance Cause | Why was India the Jewel in the crown? Did the triangular trade build the Empire? What caused the British Empire to grow? |
| Summer | Enlightenment in Europe: The French Revolution | <i>With many European countries have established Empires in the 17th and 18th centuries, this study focuses on how this power and wealth was used to benefit Europe. It is also a chance for children to understand the increasing power and confidence of the people which led to events such as the French Revolution..</i> | Causes of the revolution Events of the revolution Execution of Louis XVI Napoleon and the republic | Continuity and change Cause Similarity and difference | What caused the French revolution? How did people feel about the revolution? Was it right to execute Louis XVI? Did the revolution change anything for France? |