Year 4 History Curriculum



Autumn	Egyptians
Year 4	The Egyptians worshipped many gods and goddesses; these could be human or part human/ part animal. Tutankhamun was known as the boy king, famous because his tomb was one of the only tombs found with everything in it in 1922 by Howard Carter. Most people in ancient Egyptian times lived along the River Nile (and still do today). The River Nile was good for water, trade and fishing. The soil around the River Nile was rich in nutrients and a good place to grow crops. Ancient Egyptians used symbols called Hieroglyphics. These symbols were written on tombs and statues by scribes. The Egyptians were the first civilization to invent writing. Pharaohs were at the top of the social hierarchy and farmers and slaves were at the bottom. The Egyptians built pyramids to bury their Pharaohs (kings and queens) and preserved their bodies through a process called mummification.
Spring	Castles of Northumberland
Year 4	Locate some key castles within Northumberland; Alnwick, Dunstanburgh, Lindisfarne and Warkworth Castle. Explore the history of Warkworth Castle. Identify the exterior key features of Warkworth Castle; gatehouse, portcullis, turret, tower, motte and moat. Identify the interior key features of Warkworth Castle; the Great Tower, Grey Mare's Tail Tower, Great Chamber, Collegiate Church, Stables and wellhouse, Great hall and Bailey. Identify the purpose of the exterior and interior key features of Warkworth Castle. Explore and explain life inside Warkworth Castle.
Summer	British History Study (WW2)
Year 4	 - WW2 lasted from 1939 to 1945 and followed WW1 - World War 2 was a battle between two groups of countries the 'Allies' and the 'Axis'. The major Allied powers were Britain, France, Russia, China and the United States. The major Axis powers were Germany, Italy and Japan. - Rationing was introduced as well as a make do and mend campaign because supplies were not readily available. - Children, some of their teachers and helpers, mothers with very young children, pregnant women and people with disabilities were evacuated from the cities to the countryside. - There are three types of air raid shelters; Morrison, Anderson and Underground. - The Blitz was an attack on London by German bombers. It began on 7th September, 1940 and ended in May, 1941. London was bombed for 57 nights in a row.