Year 6 History Curriculum



Autumn	Anglo-Saxons and Vikings
Year 6	 To know that the Vikings originated from Denmark, Norway and Sweden. To know that the Vikings invaded Lindisfarne in 793 AD To know that England was an attractive target due to riches and farmland. To know that the original source is the Anglo-Saxon Chronicles which was written by a Monk. To know that the Vikings settled in an area called the Danegeld. To know that Alfred the Great reclaimed Wessex from a swap. To know that the Vikings traders across continents which allowed goods and materials to spread across Europe. To explain that the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons settled together until 1066 and the Norman invasion.
Spring	The Mayans
Year 6	 To when the Maya people lived and give some examples of events that happened. To know what made the Maya civilisation a success. To know about their farming techniques and who was important in Maya society. To understand how I know about the Maya. I can talk about how life was different for rich and poor Maya people. To be able to describe Maya artefacts and say what they tell me. To understand how the Maya was ruled. To compare and contrast how the Maya and Anglo-Saxon England leaders ruled and defended their lands.
Summer	Crime and Punishment
Year 6	 To understand that a crime is something a person does that is against the magistrate law. Punishment is a penalty for doing something wrong. Crime and punishment has changed over time in Britain since the Roman invasion. To know the Romans introduced their laws that were called the Twelve Tables in around 450BC. Punishments varied from fines to severe penalties like being thrown to the lions. Know the Saxons lived by a payment system called wergild. If somebody had committed a crime, they had to pay compensation to the victims. They also had to complete trials of ordeals, which were extremely painful and usually involved hot water and fire. Know in the Victorian period, public hangings were stopped (1868) and the prison system became organised and professional. Know Sir Robert Peel created the police force in Victorian Britain in 1829. Understand that over time, British punishments transitioned from brutal physical penalties to more rehabilitative approaches, including imprisonment and community service. Understand that today, the UK legal system is structured with laws enacted by Parliament, and justice is administered through courts