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Subject Overview: History (KS3)

We study history for three main reasons:

1. History give us a better understanding of the world we live in now.
2. History helps us to be better communicators and to be mindful of everything around us, rather than to simply accept the world at face value.
3. History is full of interesting and exciting stories about real people and real events. Learning about them is to learn about ourselves.

YEAR 7

In Year 7 we learn about what it was like living in Britain in the Middle Ages, specifically:

- What did Britain look like pre-1066?
- How did William the Conqueror defeat the English at the Battle of Hastings, and what were the repercussions?
- What was it like to live in a Medieval village or town?
- What caused the Black Death and how did it change the country?
- What preceded the Peasants' Revolt?
- Was Richard III really responsible for the Princes in the Tower murders?

YEAR 8

In Year 8 we focus on the period between 1500 – 1900:

- What sort of King was Henry VIII?
- Did Mary I deserve her notorious reputation?
- What kind of Queen was Elizabeth I?
- The Gunpowder Plot: Why did Guy Fawkes plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament?

- What caused the Civil War and what role did Oliver Cromwell play?
- Why did people believe in witches?
- Why did Britain seek to establish an empire?
- How did slavery originate and why was it abolished?
- What was life like for child workers in industrial Britain?

YEAR 9

In Year 9 we arrive at the 20th Century:

- Why was Jack the Ripper never caught?
- What caused the First World War, and what was it like to live and fight through it?
- How did Hitler come to power and how did Germany change as a result?
- What was the Holocaust?
- What caused the Second War, and what was it like to live and fight through it?
- What was the Cold War and what was its significance?