

Year 1		
Unit	Substantive Knowledge	Disciplinary Skills
The GunPowder Plot	Why was The Gunpowder Plot a significant event?	Sources and Evidence: To use one or more source of evidence to construct a view of the past. Source and Evidence:
National Curriculum Objectives:	To known that England was ruled by a Protestant King, James I, in the 1600s and that parliament was the face of the English	Ask and answer questions about sources of evidence Sources and Evidence: To discuss and identify purposes for why a source was produced.
To develop an awareness of the past through finding	Government where the laws of Britain were created and enforced.	Significance: To explore why an event, person or time period was significant and say why. Interpretation:
out about a nationally significant event	To know that the country at the time was predominately Protestant and that Catholics were treated unfairly (unable to	To study interpretations of the past and discuss why they were constructed. Cause: To explore and identify how and why events happened.
event	practice their religion) under the Protestant rule.	Cause: To select information about potential causes Consequence:
	Guy Fawkes and conspirators hoped to overthrow James I from the throne (by	To look at one event and say what the Impact of that event was. Similarities and Differences:
	blowing up the House of Parliament) and place the Spanish King (who was more sympathetic to the Catholic cause) on the throne instead.	To discuss how historical events, people, groups were similar or different during the same time period. Change and continuity: To discuss how much things (events changed and say why
	The attempt failed because Guy Fawkes was caught and consequently he and his conspirators were put on arrested, tortured, put on trial and executed.	To discuss how much things /events changed and say why.



Transport	How and why has transport changed?
	To identify and name a variety of forms of
National Curriculum	transport, saying which are older forms and
Objectives:	which are more modern.
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To develop an	To understand the impact of the invention
awareness of the	of cars and say how they have changed
past through finding	over time and the benefits to this.
out about changes	
within living memory	To understand the current development of
	cars and know how this change impacts the
	environment.
	To know significant individuals
	responsibility for the development of
	transport in Birmingham.
Mere Green	How has Mere Green Changed?
National Curriculum	1.What is Mere Green like now and why do
Objectives:	people want to live here?
,	2. How has Mere Green changed in the past
Events beyond living	100/150 years? (Transport, schools, homes,
memory, where	business, entertainment)
appropriate should	3. How has Mere Green changed in the past
be used to reveal	100/150 years?
aspects of change in	4. What can we find out about how schools
national life	have changed in Mere Green? an
	5. How have schools changed in the last
	100 years?
Year 2	



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Great Fire of London	Why is the fire of London known as the	Sources and Evidence:
	Great Fire of London?	To use one or more source of evidence to construct a view of the past.
National Curriculum		Source and Evidence:
Objectives:	London was a big city. A lot of people lived	Ask and answer questions about sources of evidence
	and worked there, but it wasn't very clean	Sources and Evidence:
Events beyond living	so it was easy to get sick. About 350,000	To discuss and identify purposes for why a source was produced.
memory that are	people lived in London in the 1660s,	Significance:
significant nationally or globally	making it one of the largest cities in Europe.	To explore why an event, person or time period was significant and say why. Interpretation:
0 ,	The River Thames was an important part of	To study interpretations of the past and discuss why they were constructed.
	the city as food, spices and materials were	Cause:
	brought in on boats. Buildings were built	To explore and identify how and why events happened.
	close to the river to get water and access to	Cause:
	the docks where the ships came in.	To select information about potential causes
		Consequence:
	The fire started on Pudding Lane, possibly	To look at one event and say what the Impact of that event was.
	in a Bakery Shop. The fire spread quickly	Similarities and Differences:
	due to: strong winds, houses (built from	To discuss how historical events, people, groups were similar or different during
	wood) being built close together, a long	the same time period.
	period of drought and there wasn't an	Change and continuity:
	established fire brigade.	To discuss how much things /events changed and say why.
	Samuel Pepys wrote a diary about every	
	day events and his diary entries provide	
	primary sources of evidence as to what	
	happened when the fire broke out.	
	To know the impact of the Great Fire on	
	London. To be able to say the changes that	
	took place including the introduction of a	



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Year 3	
	5. How did the expedition end?
	do we know?
	arrived at the SP after Amundsen and how
	4. How would Scott have felt when he
individuals	South Pole?
significant	3. What happened when Scott got to the
The lives of	2.How did Scott get to the South Pole?
,	famous today?
Objectives:	1.Who is Captain Scott and why is he
National Curriculum	
	inhospitable regions?
Captain Scott	Why do people risk their lives to explore
	traitor?
	5. Why was Edith Cavell considered a
mulviuudis	nursing?
individuals	4. Why was Edith Cavell a key individual for
significant	the history of nursing?
The lives of	3. Why was Mary Seacole so important in
objectives.	nursing?
Objectives:	2.How did Florence Nightingale improve
National Curriculum	she significant?
Caven	1. Who is Florence Nightingale and why is
Cavell	or norsing.
Seacole and Edith	of nursing?
Nightingale, Mary	Seacole and Edith Cavell changed the face
Florence	How have Florence Nightingale, Mary
	the spread of disease.
	paid fire brigade, widening of streets and



Stone Age to Iron	How and why has Britain changed	Sources And Evidence:
Age	between the Stone Age and Iron Age?	To use a source of evidence to test or challenge a claim about the past.
		Sources and Evidence:
National Curriculum	To know that the Stone Age started 3.3	To use one or more source of evidence to construct a claim about the past.
Objectives:	million years ago and was characterised by	Source and Evidence:
	people using tools made of stone. To know	Ask and answer questions about sources of evidence
Changes in Britain	that Stone Age people were hunter	Sources and Evidence:
from the Stone Age	gatherers.	To discuss and identify purposes for why a source was produced.
to Iron Age		Sources and Evidence:
	To know that as the people developed, they	To Discuss limitations in sources of evidence and identify what further evidence is
	began forming settlements and farming.	required to build an accurate understand of an event/person/period in history.
	They started developing tools for specific	Source and Evidence:
	purposes (other than weapons) and started	To extract informative from different types of sources and identify whether it
	trading goods.	shows bias.
		Significance:
	Bronze Age saw an advancement in the	To explore and analyse factors that lead to historical significance.
	creation of weapons and farming tools	Significance:
	which made them more efficient. People	To explore why an event, person or time period was significant and say why.
	travelled longer distances to	Interpretation:
	transport/trade goods.	To study interpretations of the past and discuss why they were constructed. Interpretation:
	Iron Age products were made of iron and	To discuss how and why different interpretations can be found for a historical
	were significantly stronger than Bronze.	event.
	This made tools stronger and more	Interpretation:
	efficient.	To discuss how historical interpretations can change with the addition of new
		sources of evidence.
		Cause:
Ancient Egypt	Why were the Ancient Egyptians a	To explore and identify How and why events happened.
	significant civilisation?	Cause:
National Curriculum		To select information about potential causes and draw them together to shape an
Objectives:	1.Who were the Egyptians and why was the	Explanation.
	Nile important?	Consequence:



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Year 4	-	
	this great empire suddenly came to an end?	
	control over such as vast empire? 5. How can we solve the mystery of why	
	4. How were the Romans able to keep	
Britain	have of Boudicca today?	
and its impact on	3. Boudicca's rebellion: What image do we	
The Roman Empire	2. Should the Celts take on the Romans?	To explore how change of an event/period is a discrete series.
Objectives.	leave Italy to invade Britain?	Change and continuity:
National Curriculum Objectives:	1.Why did the Roman Emperor Claudius	Change and continuity: To identify the nature or type of change or continuity.
National Curriculum	Britain?	To identify the pace or rate of change and continuity.
Roman Empire	What was the impact of the Romans on	Change and continuity:
	discover so much about Ancient Egypt?	To identify and discuss to what degree things/events stayed the same or changed.
	5. How have historians been able to	Change and continuity:
	Egyptian burial ceremonies?	the same time period.
civilisations	4. What can we learn about ancient	To discuss how historical events, people, groups were similar or different during
the earliest	3. What did ancient Egyptians believe in?	Similarities and Differences:
The achievements of	2. Who built the pyramids?	To look at one or more than one event and say what the Impact of that event was



Anglo-Saxons	What was the impact of the Saxon	Sources And Evidence:
	invasion on Britain?	To use a source of evidence to test or challenge a claim about the past.
National Curriculum		Sources and Evidence:
Objectives:	The Anglo Saxons came from North	To use one or more source of evidence to construct a claim about the past.
	Germany and Scandinavia on longships.	Source and Evidence:
Britain's Settlement	They were both warriors and farmers, who	Ask and answer questions about sources of evidence
by Anglo-Saxons and	were also skilled in hunting and textile	Sources and Evidence:
Scots	work.	To discuss and identify purposes for why a source was produced.
		Sources and Evidence:
	To understand that we know about the	To Discuss limitations in sources of evidence and identify what further evidence is
	Anglo Saxons and their way of life by the	required to build an accurate understand of an event/person/period in history.
	artefacts that have been found (Anglo	Source and Evidence:
	Saxons were buried with their possessions.)	To extract informative from different types of sources and identify whether it
		shows bias.
	To know that the Saxon hoard gives insight	Significance:
	into the material culture of the earliest	To explore and analyse factors that lead to historical significance.
	Christian Church. It contains crosses,	Significance:
	precious metals and fittings that would	To explore why an event, person or time period was significant and say why.
	have decorated religious books and even a	Interpretation:
	priestly headdress.	To study interpretations of the past and discuss why they were constructed.
		Interpretation:
	Anglo Saxons settled across England – many	To discuss how and why different interpretations can be found for a historical
	of the names of our towns and villages	event.
	come from Saxon etymology. To know that	Interpretation:
	the main kingdoms were Northumberland,	To discuss how historical interpretations can change with the addition of new
	Mercia, Wessex and East Anglia. To know	sources of evidence.
	that where we live today would have been	Cause:
	known as Mercia.	To explore and identify How and why events happened.
		Cause:
	Saxons were pagans and brought paganism	To select information about potential causes and draw them together to shape an
	to England. Pagans worshiped lots of	Explanation.
	different gods. However, in 597 the Anglo	Consequence:
		To look at one or more than one event and say what the Impact of that event was



Saxons were persuaded by the Pope to	Similarities and Differences:
become Christian.	To discuss how historical events, people, groups were similar or different during
	the same time period.
	Change and continuity:
	To identify and discuss to what degree things/events stayed the same or changed.
	Change and continuity:
	To identify the pace or rate of change and continuity.
	Change and continuity:
	To identify the nature or type of change or continuity.
	Change and continuity:
	To explore how change of an event/period is a discrete series.



Vikings and Anglo- Saxon	Why is there a conflicting view of the Viking invasion?
National Curriculum	1. What image do we have of the Vikings?
Objectives:	2. How did the Vikings take over the country and how far did they get?
The Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle	3. How have recent excavations changed our view of the Vikings?
for the Kingdom of	4.Raiders or settlers. How should we
England	remember the Vikings? 5.Just how dark were the dark ages really?
	Signation dark were the dark ages really:
Golden Age of Islam	How does the early Islamic civilisation of
National Curriculum	Baghdad compare to that of Anglo-Saxon and Viking Britain?
Objectives:	
A Non- European	Islam is the second largest religion in the world and followers of Islam are called
society that provides	Muslims. It is a monotheistic faith meaning
contrast with British history – early	Muslims believe there is only one God, Allah. Muslims believe that Islam was
Islamic civilisation	revealed in the 7 th century in Mecca, Arabia to the Prophet Muhammad. Muslims base
	their laws on their holy book the Qur'an, and
	the Sunnah.



Baghdad was founded in 762 in
Mesopotamia (modern day Iraq) by Caliph
Al-Mansur. Baghdad was strategically
located between Asia and Europe, on the
River Tigris and near the River Eurphrates,
which were very important for trade and
food production, which could sustain a
large population.
It was built in a within circular walls and
known as 'The Round City" formed of two
large. semi-circles. Four main roads led
from the caliph's palace and the grand
mosque at the centre to various parts of
the empire. It also contained parks,
gardens, squares and wide avenues and
residential properties.
At that time the Muslim world became a
major intellectual.
Mathematicians stopped using Roman
numerals and started using the Hindi
number system we use today (1,2,3,4) and
the number 0. Al-Khwarizmi invented
algebra.
In Baghdad, they established the "House of
Wisdom", where scholars, both Muslim and
non Muslim, sought to gather and translate
the world's knowledge into Arabic.



Year 5	Year 5		
Unit	Substantive Knowledge	Disciplinary skills	
Crime and punishment post 1066 National Curriculum Objectives: A study of an aspect or theme in the British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066.	 How has Crime and Punishment Changed Throughout History? 800 years ago theft and violence were the most common crimes. Criminals (even for petty crimes) could be sentenced to death by hanging. Justice was delivered by the community 800 years ago. We learn from the Robin Hood Story that favour of the rich and powerful. If one ran away from justice, they would be declared an outlaw and could be killed on sight. Robin Hood robbed from the rich, including the church, to give to the poor because society was very unequal; sheriffs made sure the law was obeyed; he killed deer in the forest, against the law. et Punishments became bloody in the 18th century. The 'Bloody Code' was the name given ta the Earlich logal system from the late 17th 	Sources And Evidence: To use a source of evidence to test or challenge a claim about the past. Sources and Evidence: To use one or more source of evidence to construct a claim about the past. Source and Evidence: Ask and answer questions about sources of evidence Sources and Evidence: To discuss and identify purposes for why a source was produced. Sources and Evidence: To Discuss limitations in sources of evidence and identify what further evidence is required to build an accurate understand of an event/person/period in history. Source and Evidence: To extract informative from different types of sources and identify whether it shows bias. Significance: To explore and analyse factors that lead to historical significance. Significance: To explore why an event, person or time period was significant and say why. Interpretation: To study interpretations of the past and discuss why they were constructed. Interpretation: To discuss how and why different interpretations can be found for a historical event.	
	to the English legal system from the late 17th Century to the early 19th Century. It was known as the Bloody Code because of the huge numbers of crimes for which the death penalty	Interpretation: To discuss how historical interpretations can change with the addition of new sources of evidence.	



Tudors National Curriculum Objectives: A study of an aspect or theme in the British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066	 could be imposed to deter people from committing crime. The paradox interestingly was that the number of crimes went up but the number of executions went down. What was the main legacy of the Tudors? 1. Who are the kings and queens of English since 1066? 2. Why was England in crisis again in the 15th century? 3. Why was the battle of Bosworth a significant event to the British monarchy? 4. How did Henry VIII's actions impact on how people worshipped Christianity in England? 5. What were the challenges for Elizabeth I, the first female ruler of England? 	 Cause: To explore and identify How and why events happened. Cause: To select information about potential causes and draw them together to shape an Explanation. Consequence: To look at one or more than one event and say what the Impact of that event was Similarities and Differences: To discuss how historical events, people, groups were similar or different during the same time period. Change and continuity: To identify and discuss to what degree things/events stayed the same or changed. Change and continuity: To identify the pace or rate of change and continuity. Change and continuity: To identify the nature or type of change or continuity. Change and continuity: To identify the nature or type of change or continuity. Change and continuity: To explore how change of an event/period is a discrete series.
Victorians National Curriculum Objectives: A local History Study	 What was Birmingham's involvement during the Industrial Revolution of the Victorian era? 1. Who were the Victorians and what key events happened during this time? 2. What impact did the industrial revolution have on Birmingham? 3. How did Birmingham change during the Victorian era? 4. Who were the most significant people in Birmingham during this period? 	



	5. How did the Victorian era impact on life today?		
Year 6			
Unit	Substantive Knowledge	Disciplinary skills	
Impact of WWI	What were the significant changes that	Sources And Evidence:	
-	took place in Britain post WWI?	To use a source of evidence to test or challenge a claim about the past.	
National Curriculum		Sources and Evidence:	
Objectives:	Developing unit, moving away from	To use one or more source of evidence to construct a claim about the past.	
	exploring the causes and consequence of	Source and Evidence:	
A study of an aspect	WWI and instead focusing on the changes	Ask and answer questions about sources of evidence	
or theme in the	that took place post war. Exploring changes	Sources and Evidence:	
British history that	to women's right, the suffragette	To discuss and identify purposes for why a source was produced.	
extends pupils'	movement, changes in attitudes to	Sources and Evidence:	
chronological	marginalised groups. Exploring the the	To Discuss limitations in sources of evidence and identify what further evidence is	
knowledge beyond	British Values of the Rules of Law, Freedom	required to build an accurate understand of an event/person/period in history.	
1066	of Liberty and Democracy within this unit.	Source and Evidence:	
		To extract informative from different types of sources and identify whether it	
Birmingham during	How was Birmingham affected and what	shows bias.	
WWII	was Birmingham's contribution to the	Significance:	
	war?	To explore and analyse factors that lead to historical significance.	
National Curriculum		Significance:	
Objectives:	1.When, why and how did WWII start?	To explore why an event, person or time period was significant and say why.	
	2.What was evacuation like and why was it	Interpretation:	
A study of an aspect	necessary in Birmingham?	To study interpretations of the past and discuss why they were constructed.	
or theme in the	3.How was Birmingham affected by the	Interpretation:	
British history that	Blitz and how did it recover?	To discuss how and why different interpretations can be found for a historical	
extends pupils'	4.How did women contribute to the war	event.	
chronological	effort in Birmingham?	Interpretation:	
knowledge beyond	5. What was rationing and how did it affect	To discuss how historical interpretations can change with the addition of new	
1066	everyday life?	sources of evidence.	



	6. How did life change after the war ended?	Cause:
		To explore and identify How and why events happened.
		Cause:
		To select information about potential causes and draw them together to shape an
Ancient Greeks	What was a significant legacy of the	Explanation.
	Ancient Greeks?	Consequence:
National Curriculum		To look at one or more than one event and say what the Impact of that event was
Objectives:	New unit, substantive knowledge to be	Similarities and Differences:
	developed building on the introduction of	To discuss how historical events, people, groups were similar or different during
Ancient Greece – a	democracy and the impact that had on the	the same time period.
study of Greek life	wider world and our society.	Change and continuity:
and achievements		To identify and discuss to what degree things/events stayed the same or changed.
and their influence		Change and continuity:
on the western		To identify the pace or rate of change and continuity.
world		Change and continuity:
		To identify the nature or type of change or continuity.
		Change and continuity:
		To explore how change of an event/period is a discrete series.