

## **Overview of Year 7 History Curriculum**

Pupils at the start of the year are taught about the Historical Skills needed in History and then go on to study two main units, The Roman Empire and Medieval Realms 1066 - 1485.

### **Historical Skills**

Pupils will be taught about the Key Historical Skills that underpin the study of History. They will learn about the different types of evidence in History, the difference between fact and opinion, the notion of bias, the use of chronology and the measuring of time.

### **The Roman Empire**

Pupils will be taught about the development of the Roman Empire and the impact of the Roman Conquest. The focus will be on the birth of Rome, the expansion of the Empire, including the invasions of Britain, the role of the army and the changes that the Romans had brought.

### **Medieval Realms 1066-1485**

Pupils will be taught about the causes and consequences of the Norman Invasion of 1066, and aspects of life in Medieval England. The focus will be on the battles of 1066, the methods used by the Normans to control England, including the building of castles, the features of medieval life, such as the role of the church, and the key political, social and religious events, for instance the Crusades, the Black Death and the Peasant's Revolt.

### **Homework**

This is set once a week and supports work in the classroom. This will include written work; research about various people or events and revision for tests. Pupils are encouraged to complete this work to the best of their ability and use, where possible, ICT to develop their technological skills.

### **Examinations/Key assessments**

There are six Key Assessments in Year 7; three are based on events studied during The Roman Empire Unit, and three concerning events taught during the Medieval Realms unit. These are assessed according to the National Curriculum Levels in History. Pupils will also complete three end of unit tests on Historical Skills, The Roman Empire and Medieval Realms, where a percentage mark will be awarded.

### **How Parents can help**

Ensure that History homework is recorded regularly once a week and is completed to a high standard. Please encourage your child to use the library and research work on the Internet. Useful sites such as [www.historyonline.com](http://www.historyonline.com) will help their homework. Pupils should write up any information found in their own words, as simply downloading information does not always infer understanding. Also check that your son has the equipment needed for lessons, such as a pen.