

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

Pupils at the start of the year are taught in the Autumn term the Historical Skills needed in History; they then apply these skills in an investigation on the Romans. In the spring and summer terms pupils learn about the History of Liverpool since 1207 followed by a study of Medieval People and Settlements 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.

### **An Investigation on the Romans**

Applying the skills they have learnt in the first unit on historical skills pupils will be taught about the development of the Roman Empire, the reasons for a powerful Roman army, interpretations of famous Roman leaders such as Caesar, features of life in the Roman Empire and the fall of the empire together with an assessment of the Roman legacy.

### **The History of Liverpool since 1207**

A unit on local History pupils will learn about the founding of their home city, Liverpool in 1207 and the changes that Liverpool had undergone in becoming a leading port city and 'gateway to the new World'. The reasons for and effects of large scale immigration (for example from Ireland) will be studied, together with an in-depth study on Victorian Liverpool.

### **Medieval People and Settlements 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, and the key political, social and religious events, for instance the Murder of Thomas Becket, the signing of the Magna Carta and the Black Death.

### **Homework**

This is set once every two weeks and supports work in the classroom. This will include written work; research about various people or events and revision for assessments. 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 AFL Assessments in Year 7; two are based on events studied during The Roman investigation, one on the History of Liverpool and three concerning events taught during the Medieval unit. These are assessed according to the National Curriculum Levels in History. Pupils will also complete an end of unit test on Historical Skills and an end of year exam.

### **How Parents can help**

Ensure that History homework is recorded regularly once every two weeks (on the specified homework day) and is completed to a high standard. Please encourage your child to use the library and internet to carry out research. Useful sites such as [www.historyonline.com](http://www.historyonline.com) will help their homework. Resources may also be available via the VLE. 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.