| Term | I am learning | By the end of this topic I will be able to |
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| Autumn | Britain 1745-1901: | Explain the key features of this period in British history, e.g. industrialisation, urbanisation & poverty. |
| | Georgian England. Focus on the American revolution, the "madness" of King George & the Regency period. The Industrial Revolution. Focus on causes and impact of the Industrial Revolution. Linked to inventions, living and working conditions. Whitechapel & Jack the Ripper. Lessons examine living conditions in East London, making links to national policing developments & the failure to catch Jack the Ripper. The British Empire. Focus on the rise, height and fall of the British Empire. Lessons make links to previous topics (e.g. Liverpool and the Docks). Particular focus on the post-war partition of India. Britain's relationship with France. Lessons focus on the change in the relationship, from the Napoleonic Wars to the Entente Cordial. | Produce extended pieces of writing, using historical evidence to back up an argument. Continue to develop key historical skills, in particular: Georgian England: examine the similarities & differences of Georgian England compared to Elizabethan England. Industrial Revolution: produce an argument on positive and negative consequences of the Industrial Revolution on Britain. Whitehall: carry out a historical enquiry (using evidence) explaining why Jack the Ripper was never caught. British Empire: produce an argument (based on evidence) on whether Indian independence & partition was the correct option. France: examine changing significance, with reference to Nelson, Wellington & the Battle of Trafalgar (why almost ignored in 21st century?). Synoptic assessment covering key knowledge & skills from this unit & Year 7. |
| Spring | Medicine 800 to 1900 The first part of a study examining the development of medicine throughout history. Lessons look at early medicine (based on Greek & Roman ideas), the impact of the Renaissance & the development of the first vaccine. Era of World War One: | Explain the key features of this period in British history, e.g. the four humours, the Renaissance & vaccinations. Produce an extended piece of writing examining the most significant medical development during this period. Explain the key features of this period in Britain's history, e.g. long and short term causes; |
| | Causes of WWI: lessons examine position of Europe in 1914; long term causes & the assassination of Franz Ferdinand. Life in the Trenches: lessons focus on recruitment & propaganda; trench life (and misconceptions); the Somme Women & the Vote: examination of the Suffrage movement & the role played by WWI in women getting the vote. | Causes of WWI: able to examine a counter-factual argument = would the war have still happened without the assassination? Life in Trenches: pupils critically examine interpretations of Haig. Using evidence, pupils argue why people have different views of Haig & give their own opinion. Women & the Vote: pupils carry out a historical enquiry using evidence, reaching a viewpoint on the main reason why women received the vote |
| | Medicine 20 th century The second part of a study examining the development of medicine throughout history. Lessons look at key developments in medicine in 20 th century – e.g. WWI; penicillin & the development of the NHS. | Explain the key features of this period in British history, e.g. facial reconstruction; antiseptics; anaesthetics; socialism. Produce an extended piece of writing examining the reasons why public health improved in Britain in 20 th century. |

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| Summer | USA in 20 th Century First part of our non-European study, focused on 20 th century USA. Lessons focus on prohibition in the 1920s & the depression of 1930s. Pupils will examine the rise of gangsters, the Jazz Age, causes of the Wall Street Crash & FDR's New Deal. | Explain the key features of this period in US history, e.g. prohibition, organised crime, Jazz age, depression & state intervention. Able to produce a piece of writing comparing and contrasting the 1920s & 1930s, assessing the positive and negative impacts of change on American society. Synoptic Summer assessment examining a range of skills and knowledge from the whole of Year 8 units. |
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| | Europe between the Wars: | Explain the key features of this period in British & European history, e.g. fascism, dictatorship, depression, appeasement. |
| | Hitler's rise to power: pupils study Hitler's life & the Nazi rise to power. Links are made to the previous topic (particularly the Wall Street Crash). The Outbreak of WWII: lessons focus on the key causes of war, examining the role played by Hitler & Chamberlain. | Hitler's rise to power: pupils are able to produce a narrative account summarising the Nazi rise to power. Outbreak of WWII: pupils make judgements on the significance of key events. Which is the most important? |