YEAR 3/4	Substantive historical content	Recurring substantive themes, ideas and language (Key Concepts)	Subject rationale: Supporting pupils' wider history curriculum journey	Basic disciplinary training in history
Autumn Term	Settlements: housing construction, community, hillforts and defence	As well as helping to develop understanding of chronology , this unit helps secure knowledge of the Stone Age to Iron Age, ensuring pupils leave primary school with a strengthened understanding of the changes that have occurred in Britain that have shaped society as it is today. They will develop their knowledge of religion , philosophy & belief, art & culture, home life, food & farming, design and technology and communication. Stories learned will ensure that words such as 'ancient', 'symbol', 'belief', 'ritual' and 'settlement' are embedded.	Taught in LKS2, this helps to offer some chronological sequence to our British Studies across KS2. Alongside the study of food and farming in Roman times, this unit helps pupils to understand that these people were not isolated but there were already widespread links when the Romans came. It prepares pupils for comparison with burials in Ancient Egypt in UKS2 and builds on vocabulary from KS1 studies on Changes in Living Memory.	Continuity & Change: What changed in Britain during Pre-History?
Stone Age to Iron Age	Skara Brae: Hunter Gatherers and Farming			
	Tools and technology: similarities and differences between then and now (e.g. spinning, weaving, grinding corn)			Pupils consider similarities & differences between life then and now.
	Stonehenge: religion, burial, technology and travel			Pupils consider evidence through museum loans and
	The Druids			visits and interpretation of
	Ancient Art as communication			oral history.
Spring Term	Ancient Greek city states, particularly Sparta and Athens, democracy and politics	As well as helping to develop understanding of chronology , secure knowledge of the Ancient Greeks ensures pupils leave primary school with a strengthened understanding of the richness and complexity of law & lawmakers , culture , sport , art & entertainment , ancient religion , philosophy & belief , communities and education . Stories learned will ensure that words such as 'ancient', 'belief', 'ritual', 'monarchy' and 'government' are embedded.	As a result of becoming secure in Ancient Greek democracy and politics, pupils will be ready to start to make comparisons with contrasting forms of government that they will encounter in their study of Ancient Egypt in UKS2. They will also be able to draw comparisons with religion in Ancient Egypt. Development of an understanding of enquiry about the natural world, feeds into later work on The Victorians and Darwin & Evolution.	Significance: How did the Ancient Greeks influence
Ancient Greece	Religion: Ancient Greek Gods and Goddesses, The Olympics			Western society and what evidence remains today?
	Ancient Greek art and architecture, inc. Pottery and the Parthenon. Links with Greek religion.			Pupils consider
	Ancient Greek Language & Literature: Poetry, Plays (tragedy and comedy), Myths and Legends.			evidence through museum loans and visits and interpretation of oral history.
	Philosophy, education and enquiry about the natural world in Ancient Greece. Aristotle and Archimedes			

Summer Term Tudors and Castle Times	How the role of the Monarch has changed from Tudor times to today The Tudor Family Tree Henry VIII The Reformation: Monarchy & Religion Elizabeth I Art: The importance of portraits and what this tells us about them as rulers Walter Raleigh (war & peace; power struggles in Europe, world exploration, race for gold and riches) The beginning of British Empire Peasantry and Monarchs – everyday life for peasants (comparison with portraits)	Focusing on the changing power of monarchs over time, using the case studies of Henry VIII and Elizabeth I, this unit compares Tudor monarchs to Modern Day monarchs, whilst introducing Tudors and the beginning of the British Empire. Pupils will build on prior knowledge of law & lawmakers and religion , philosophy and belief , whilst developing an understanding of war & peace . Stories learned will ensure that words such as 'monarchy', 'government', 'ruler', 'empire' and 'peasantry' are embedded.	This unit builds upon pupils' knowledge of monarchy and home life, developed in the KS1 unit 'Castles, Kings and Queens'. Learning specific examples of Monarchy in Britain since 1066, extends pupils' chronological knowledge and when combined with UKS2 study into the role of religion, empire and monarchy in Victorian Britain, ensures a secure and broad knowledge of Monarchy beyond 1066.	Similarity & Difference: How similar and how different were the Tudor Monarchs to Modern Day British Monarchs? Pupils consider evidence through museum loans and visits and interpretation of oral history.
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