

		History - Year 8		2025/26	
Topic list Autumn 1	Topic list Autumn 2	Topic list Spring 1	Topic list Spring 2	Topic list Summer 1	Topic list Summer 2
The Stuarts - Gunpowder Plot - Witch craze - Causes and Consequences of the British Civil Wars - Charles II and the Great Fire.	The Slave Trade - Origins of the Slave Trade - Middle Passage - Life on a plantation Resistance to slavery and abolition - The Zong Case - Abolitionists	The British Empire - Origins of the British Empire - The American Revolution - India and Clive Owen - Africa and Cecil Rhodes	Industrial Revolution - Inventors and inventions - Railways - Changes in towns and cities - Public Health - Black Britons in the Industrial age - Victims of the Jack the Ripper murders	American West - Manifest Destiny - Plains Indians - Reservations - The Battle of Wounded Knee - The Trail of Tears	World War One - MAIN causes - Recruitment and trench warfare - Changing weapons and tactics. - The Somme - The Home Front
Why this Why Now	Why this Why Now	Why this Why Now	Why this Why Now	Why this Why Now	Why this Why Now
- We start with these topics as it builds on the prior knowledge of Tudor History in Year 7 and reinforces the fundamental concepts of cause, consequence and significance. - The British Civil Wars are sometimes known as the English Revolution. We will investigate if Britain really was “turned upside down” by these events. - The topic of the Great Plague builds on the previous topic of the Black Death. This allows for us to study change and continuity between the two events. The History of Medicine is a topic studied in GCSE History.	- These topics build on prior knowledge of slavery and abolition. - The case study of Abolitionists uses the core British values of tolerance, the rule of law, and democracy. This will connect with future learning in year 9. - The social history of slavery is fundamental to our understanding of continuity and change and can help us to understand the world today. - This topic also expands on the concept that our modern lifestyles are based on the consumption of goods and products created by someone else. This builds social awareness of the world today.	- These topics build on the KS2 knowledge of Britain, America, and the British Empire. - The British Empire can be directly compared to the Roman Empire and Mughal Empire from year 7. - Studying the British in India develops the topic of Mughal India from year 7. - The 5R model of significance is fundamental to our understanding of History and needs to be embedded as basic knowledge for all students.	- Industrial Revolution topic builds on the knowledge of inventions and Victorians studied at KS2. - This topic also expands on the changes in urban life in order to explain how modern lifestyles evolved from a rural heritage. - Public Health reintroduces the concept of the History of Medicine. This helps students understand medical change and continuities. Medicine is revisited in KS3 and KS4 as it is a British Depth Study for AQA History. - Black Britons helps pupils contextualise the role of Black people in the Industrial age - The historiography of Jack the Ripper is investigated using the most recent research.	- These topics build on prior knowledge from America during the British Empire. - The experiences of the Plains Indians builds on the second order concept of cause and consequence; the reservations and the Trail of Tears allows for the persecution of minorities to be investigated. - This unit includes World History by focusing on the North American continent. This is especially relevant for many students at TKAW and incorporates modern world history to diversify the curriculum.	- This topic is considered to be challenging, as the knowledge gained in those previous topics is used to build further knowledge of the lived experience of trench warfare and of the Home Front. - This unit includes World History by focusing on Black and Indian soldier. This is especially relevant for many students at TKAW. - The Western Front is introduced in this unit. The medical developments of this period are revisited at KS4 as part of the GCSE syllabus on Medical History.
Tier 3 Vocabulary and Reading		Tier 3 Vocabulary and Reading		Tier 3 Vocabulary and Reading	
- Continuity, Change - Causation, Chronology, Significance, Interpretation	- Abolition, Auction, Middle Passage, Plantation, Slavery, - Passive resistance and	Colony, Constitution, Empire, Empress, Independence, Revolution	Agriculture, Locomotive, Industry, Invention, Urbanisation	American Indian, Buffalo, Great Plains, Reservation, Transcontinental	- Militarism, Alliances, Imperialism, Nationalism - Bayonette, Civilian, Entente,