



Year 4 History Themes and Substantive Knowledge

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Romans	Anglo Saxons and Vikings	The Mayans
How did Britain change between the end of the Iron-age and the end of the Roman occupation?	How did Britain change between the end of The Roman occupation and 1066?	Who were the Mayans and what have we learned from them?
National Curriculum Requirement	National Curriculum Requirement	National Curriculum Requirement
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pupils should be made aware of the changes that occurred in Britain from the beginning of the Stone Age and 1066.This unit focuses on the changes brought about by the occupation by the Romans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Know how Britain changed between the Stone Age and 1066, to include the Stone Age period, the occupation of Britain by the Romans and Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Know about the impact that one of the following ancient societies had on the world: the Mayan civilization; the Islamic civilization; or the BeninKnow why they were considered an advanced society in relation to that period of time in Europe
Subject Specific Vocabulary	Subject Specific Vocabulary	Subject Specific Vocabulary
Centurion, Londinium, invade, aqueduct, senate	Anglo-Saxon kingdoms, Shire reeve churl, longhouse, longship, Jorvik	Chichen Itza, Itzamna, codices, ahau or ahaw, batab, Kukulcan

Substantive Knowledge	Substantive Knowledge	Substantive Knowledge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know why the Romans came to Britain. • Know what the Romans did to improve Britain. • Know why many Britons were opposed to the Roman occupation • Know why the Romans left Britain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know about how the Anglo-Saxons attempted to bring about law and order into the country • Know that during the Anglo-Saxon period, Britain was divided into many kingdoms • Know that the way the kingdoms were divided led to the creation of some of our county boundaries today • Know where the Vikings originated from and show this on a map 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know about the impact that the Mayan civilization has on the world <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know why they were considered an advanced society in relation to that period of time in Europe • Know what was happening in Britain when the Mayans were most powerful • Know how different the Mayans and the Egyptian pyramids were • Know how the Mayans' belief in Gods created a culture of sacrifice • Understand how the pok-ta-pok Mayan game could be described as the earliest football match • Understand why the Mayans civilization died out