

Teaching and Learning Content: History

Year Group: 8



Alongside the 'core' subjects of English, Maths, ICT, MfL and PE, your child will study the following projects. Please spend some time with your child talking about them and beginning some research into the key questions.

History: Power and the People

Key Questions:

- Who has the most power in Britain today?
- How did William keep control?
- Challenging the Crown – could the rich control the King?
- The crown and the sword – Which kings had most control?
- How did the Peasants get out of control?
- Queen and Country – How did Elizabeth control her people?
- 'A thing most horrible' – How did Charles I lose control?
- 'The maddest world we ever saw' – What made Britain seem so out of control between 1642 and 1660?
- Monarchs in their place – Who had control after 1660?
- When was Britain closest to revolution between 1815 and 1832?
- Were the Chartists revolutionaries?
- How did women win the vote?
- Emily Davison – suicide or protest?
- OVERVIEW – When did the people gain the most power?

Students will:

- Understand how William the Conqueror kept control of England in 1066.
- Know who has power in England today.
- Explain what happened during the Peasants revolt.
- Understand how and why Thomas Becket was killed.
- Explain how Queen Elizabeth I controlled her people.
- Identify the causes of the English Civil war.
- Explain how life in England changed under Oliver Cromwell.
- Examine how women won the vote at the end of the First World War.

Suggested Resources: (This to include useful websites etc..)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/william_i_king.shtml

<http://tudorhistory.org/elizabeth/>

History: Crime and Punishment**Key Questions:**

- What types of crimes are punished today?
- What was punishment like in the past?
- How did people in the past try to prove guilt and what type of punishments were given?
- How did Thomas Becket die?
- What happened to 'witches' in Tudor and Stuart England?
- Who was 'Robin Hood'?
- How did criminals make money in Tudor England?
- What happened to the prince's in the Tower?
- Why do we remember the fifth of November?
- How were criminals punished in the nineteenth century?
- Who caught the 'vile Victorians'?

- What were prisons like in Victorian times?
- Why was Jack the Ripper never caught?
- Why, in the 21st century, has a war been launched on terrorism?

Students will:

- Understand how people were punished in the Middle Ages.
- Know how crimes are punished today.
- Explain what happened to witches in Britain in 16th and 17th century.
- Understand how and why Thomas Becket was killed.
- Understand how people were punished in the nineteenth century.
- Research the murders of Jack the Ripper and explain why he was never caught.
- Define terrorism and its role in the 21st century.

Suggested Resources: (This to include useful websites etc..)

<http://www.casebook.org/>

<http://www.met.police.uk/history/ripper.htm>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/ripper_jack_the.shtml