Year 4 History



Autumn Term Spring Term Summer Term

Where we study the changes in British, local and world history, putting these events into chronological order and understanding the impact of people's ideas and beliefs.

Roman Empire and the impact on Britain (including in depth studies) 54BC – 410AD

Britain's settlements by the Anglo Saxons and Scots 410 - 1066 A local history study
The study of the local mining industry

Progression of Historical skills (entering) Knowledge

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- Pupils are able to use at least one type of source of information confidently

Questioning

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- Pupils are able to answer some questions accurately related to the area of study
- Pupils can generally use sources to justify their answers

Vocabulary

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Progression of Historical skills (developing) Knowledge

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- Pupils can identify at least two ways we gather information
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Questioning

- Pupils can ask questions to develop their understanding
- Pupils are able to answer questions accurately most of the time related to the area of study
- Pupils can use sources to justify their answers and are beginning to organise their responses

Vocabulary

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- Pupils are increasingly using words and phrases to indicate time, talking

Progression of Historical skills (secure) Knowledge

- Pupils remember a range of key facts and information from areas of study in Year 4 and can remember a few facts from previous areas of study
- Pupils are beginning to understand how our knowledge of history is developed through a range of sources
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- Pupils are beginning to challenge sources of information
- Pupils are beginning to show some organisation of information that is purposeful for responding to or asking questions

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- Pupils can confidently make links between areas of history they have studied, identifying similarities between them
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Topic key questions

How did settlements change for Britons under Roman rule?

Activity – PPT to compare settlements and record changes

How does a Roman town compare with British towns today?

Activity – compare maps and places included in Roman settlements with our towns today – aerial maps, archaeological dig photos

Is this just another Roman villa?

Activity – Time team – PPT of the find. Chn use the artefacts found as evidence to prove it was a Roman villa as suggested

Why did the Romans spend so long building roads?

Topic key questions

Why did the Anglo-Saxons invade Britain?

Activity – Push or pull Chn use the clues to think about why they came here. They then consider what is a 'push' and what is a 'pull'. Sort the reason cards into what is likely to be true, unlikely, maybe

How did the Anglo-Saxons live?

Activity – use the artefacts and VR to draw conclusions about the Anglo-Saxon way of life – what do these tell us?

How close did the Vikings come to succeeding the Anglo Saxons?

Activity – using events create a living graph, positives above the axis, negative below

Was King Alfred really so great?

Topic key questions

What are these artefacts from?

Activity - Slow reveal photos of coal and tools, VR Welsh mining – what do chn think it is? Why might we learn about this? Discussion, generate questions, make connections to todays tools & mining as it is today

Why was mining so important and why this area?

Activity – link to the invention of the steam engine. Important in this area as lots of coal under the surface, created towns, jobs, income for the area. Create a spiral – mine at heart, next row is coal, jobs, towns, industry and infra structure etc

How did methods and tools change over the years?

Activity – Consider the techniques, using photos of tools and mining equipment, compare and contrast. How might this have helped or created changes in the way we mined – safer/more cost effective?

Activity – Teach how built roads. Using the reason cards, chn put the reason cards in to priority order to create a diamond shape Why did this great empire's rule come to an end after 400 years? Activity – Use PPT photo starter. Then Chn consider the reasons suggested. Is one reason the most important and cause or was it a combination. Chn create a news report and make a video	Activity – Look at the achievements of Alfred place on the spectrum of whether each is great, not so, etc. Use this to write an overview of your conclusions How effective was Anglo Saxon justice? Activity – explore the main 8 types of punishment. Each group puts on a short re-enactment for the other groups to guess. Crime and punishment board game Were Anglo Saxon times really 'dark' ages? Activity – chn to consider and discuss the fact cards. Sort into achievements and failures, did they have more success/mix/dark. Write a summary paragraph explaining what you think, include the evidence to support	What were children's roles in the mine? Activity – use the evidence and sources to highlight the dangers to children whilst working in the mines. Record Why did the miners strike over the years? Activity – consider conditions, pay, hours, greedy mine owner. Compare with the consequences of striking – no pay, no income, workers turning against each other, police conflict—Role play would the chn strike if they were miners What led to the mining industry decline? Activity – chn to brain storm and research – including current day reasons eg cleaner energy, climate change Mind map some reasons. Chn then consider which they think is the main reason and write short paragraph to sum up topic		
Comparisons to then and now The legacy the Romans left us with, for example roads, trade, central heating	Comparisons to then and now Anglo Saxons had a system of fines for crimes, the same as we still do today Anglo Saxons formed the basis of the monarchy and law making that we have The counties boundaries we have today, were mostly established by the Anglo Saxons	Comparison to then and now Whilst our mining industry in this country has declined, other countries continue to mine. When coal was discovered, it was considered to be a great new sustainable resource. The same as we consider solar and wind energy today		
School artefacts Helmets shields chain mail armour Shoes sponge on a stick spoon brooch Romulus and Remus plaque Roman coins Roman horse toy honey pot boys sandals	School artefacts Runes x 2 comb needle hoard necklace horn mug Childs drinking cup oil lamp Celtic plaque Celtic brooch Celtic bucket handles Saxon comb Hoard necklace	School artefacts Trip to Apedale Mine		

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Key vocabulary for children

Romulus and Remus	Mythical brothers who fought to found a city - Rome
Celts	The name given to the collection of different tribes who lived in Britain, before the invasion of the Romans
Legionary	Male citizen of Rome who fought in the heavily armed legions of the Roman army
Centurion	Leaders of a Roman century made up of 80 soldiers
Boudicca	British queen of the Iceni tribe
Trade	Imports included: coins, pottery, olive oil, wine, olives, salt, fish & glass. Exports included metals (silver, gold, lead, iron & copper) salt and agricultural produce
Economy	Mining and agriculture generated finances. By the 3 rd century, Britain's economy was diverse and well established

Key vocabulary for children

Anglo Saxon	Name given to a variety of different tribes who invaded Britain from mainland Europe following the retreat of the Romans
The Heptarchy	Refers to the seven Kingdoms of Northumbria, Mercia, East Anglia, Essex, Sussex, Wessex and Kent
Paganism	Multi0god religion practised in Northern Europe. Later replaced by Christianity
Woden	One eyed king og the pagan gods known for his wisdom. Wednesday is named after him
Frige	Queen of the pagan gods, protected the home, marriage and pregnant women. Friday is named after her
Runes	The alphabet used by the Anglo Saxons to write
Sutton Hoo	Archaeological excavation of an Anglo-Saxon burial site in Suffolk
Thane	Village leader
Fertile land	Good for growing crops
Missionary	A person of faith sent to spread the word about their religion

Key vocabulary for children

Corf	An early tub or basket used to bring the coal up in the early days
Coal	Black fossil fuel found naturally in the ground
Ventilation	System of getting fresh air into mine and removing the stale air
Trappers	A child who opened and closed door to help the air flow and ventilate the mine
Cage	The lift used to take people up and down to the mine and coal face
Coal face	Underground where the miners would mine and dig for the coal
Roof collapse	The roof of the mine would collapse into the mine itself
Davy safety lamp	A safety lamp designed to be used in flammable atmospheres
Mine	Pit or tunnel from which minerals are taken
Steam engines	Used the power of steam to operate machines
Strike	Miners refused to work
Banksmen	The person at the top responsible for loading and unloading people from the cage
Shaft	Vertical tunnel with leads from the surface underground to the underground roadways

Settlements	Romans established a number of important settlements, many of which still survive. They introduced the idea of a town as a centre of power and administration
Religion	Druids were outlawed by Claudius, however Britons continued to worship in Celtic deities. Christianity was introduced in 200AD in Britain

Motty	Iron tags attached to how much coal each miner had dug, their pay
	was based on how much coal they
	dug

Key dates and events

54BC	Julius Caesar first invades Britain
43AD	Roman army lands in Britain, successful invasion ordered by Claudius
51AD	Iceni revolt against the Romans, led by Boudicca
79AD	Eruption of Mount Vesuvius
122AD	Construction of Hadrian's wall
200AD	Introduction of Christianity
306AD	Constantine proclaimed emperor of York
406AD	Suevi, Alans, Vandals and Burgundians attach Gaul and break contact between Rome and Britain. Remaining Roman army in Britain mutinies (refuse to obey orders from their officers)
408AD	Devastating attacks by the Picts, Scots and Saxons
409AD	Britons expel Roman officials and fight for themselves
410AD	Britain is independent

Key dates and events

396-	Scots, Picts and Anglo's constantly
398AD	raid Britain
410AD	Last of the Romans leave Britain
430AD	First Christian church is built in
	Britain, Whithorn Scotland
450AD	German Saxons settle in Kent. Anglo
	Saxons start to settle alongside the
	Britons
516AD	Battle of Mount Badon
570AD	The 7 Kingdoms emerge (the
	Heptarchy)
597AD	St Augustine brings Christianity to
	Britain from Rome
600AD	First Law Code written in English in
	Aethelbert's kingdom in Kent
613AD	Northumbrian Kings rule over most of
	England
664AD	Synod of Whitby held (assembly of
	church clergymen)
757AD	Offa becomes king of Mercia and
	arguably the first king of all of Britain
789AD	First recorded Viking attack (Dorset)
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793AD	Vikings attack Lindisfarne
867-	Series of Viking raids and attacks
878AD	

Key dates and events

1815	Davy safety lamp is invented and tested in 1816 at Hebburn colliery
1825	The railways were introduced
1838	Coal production reaches 31 million tons
1842	Coal Mine Act
1843	First electric coal cutting machine introduced in Yorkshire
1913	Peak coal production, reaching 247 million tons
1921	Peak employment
1924	Introduction of pit ponies
1926	First worker strike against wage cuts
1945	National Union of Mineworkers is formed to look after the rights of miners
1947	Coal industry is nationalised, private landowners no longer run the mines (NCB)
1954	Mines and Quarries Act to improve safety
1985-	Miner's strike – this impacts the
1986	whole country
2007	Mines start to be inspected to check they are up to standards

886AD	Vikings and King Alfred divide Britain up	2015	Coal production is down to 8.1 million tons	
1066AD	Norman's invade conquering Britain and ending Anglo Saxon rule	2018	There are only 3 underground mines and 8 surface mines still running	

Cross curriculum links

Geography (locations/landscapes)
Music (through the ages)
Literacy (spoken word, writing)
Maths (concept of time)
PE dance through the ages
Computing VR
Science materials