

Geography

Curriculum Manager:

Mr Ebbrell

Teaching Staff:

Mr Kavanagh, Mr Worsfold, Mrs Parkinson, Mr Hastewell, Miss Ellis, Miss Lalley and Mr Loftus.

Curriculum Overview:

Geography in Year 7 develops key skills such as Ordnance Survey map skills, reading aerial photographs and the use of Geographical Information Systems. Local Geography is embedded within the study of My Manchester, incorporating enquiry work on local transport systems. The final section of work looks at emerging powers such as China and India to give an international dimension to the Year 7 programmes of study.

Topic Studied- Term 1

Map Skills

Symbols and Scale

Four Figure and Six Figure Grid References

Countries and Continents

G.I.S enquiry work

Topic Studied – Term 2

Settlement - My Manchester

Site, Situation and function

Shopping Hierarchy

Changes of Land use

Case Study: How does the Metro affect Sale and Manchester?

Topic studied – Term 3

Emerging Powers

To understand the physical location of China and India.

Population structures of China and India.

Superpowers of Asia

Comparing and contrasting - Levels of development

Assessments:

- Term 1: Map Skills OS assessment
- Term 2: Settlement - My Manchester assessment
- Term 3: Whole year linear assessment

Homework:

Year 7 homework is set weekly over a half term on a common theme. Booklets will be given out via teachers and pupils will have the whole of the following week to complete the work. Use of Google classroom revision homeworks and tasks will be used for topics as well.

Other Useful Information:

www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk (Map skills and British Geography)

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize (General revision of key geographical themes)

www.scool.co.uk (General revision and practise assessment styled questions)

History

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Curriculum Overview:

Introduction to History, Norman Conquest and Tudors and Stuarts.

Topic Studied- Term 1

Introduction to History – skills

Chronology
Source work - NOPTA
Bias
Key terms

Ruling

The 3 contenders
Battle of Hastings
Why Harold lost B of H
Norman Conquest:
Feudal system, castles, control

Topic Studied- Term 2

Power

Henry II & Thomas Becket
Edward I Wales and Scotland
King John and the Magna Carta
The Peasants Revolt
Towns
The Black Death
The War of the Roses
The Crusades

Topic Studied- Term 3

The Tudors 1500-1603

Catholic v Protestant
Henry VIII
The Church & the Reformation
Elizabeth I
Mary Queen of Scots

The Stuarts 1603-1665

James I & Gunpowder Plot
Charles I
The Civil War
Oliver Cromwell
Witchcraft

Assessments:

Term 1: Battle of Hastings Assessment
Term 2: Towns Assessment
Term 3: End of Year Assessment

Homework:

Term 1: Assorted tasks work booklet
Term 2: 'Take away' style homework
Term 3: Revision activities booklet and 3-D model homework

Other Useful Information:

To consolidate learning in the classroom students are encouraged to develop their historical knowledge and understanding by completing independent study. This could be completed on various platforms including traditional historical books and novels, websites such as BBC Bitesize, documentaries such as BBC Teach and feature films.