



TERM	UNIT	WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING?	ARE YOU PREPARED FOR LEARNING?
1	Why is Parliament in charge?	Students will learn about the English Civil War to understand why Parliament today has the power and the monarch does not. They will also look at protest groups that helped to extend voting rights, such as the Suffragettes.	Students will be given a range of homework tasks to choose from to complete this year – please support your child with the work they choose to complete. There will be research tasks on these topics – looking for information other than on the internet is important to understanding history. Visit a museum, watch a documentary or read books on the subject
2	Was the Industrial Revolution good for Britain?	We will look at the impact the Industrial Revolution had on Britain, taking the country from a small island in Europe to a world super power, whilst considering what it was like for people to live while these changes were occurring.	There are many documentaries that cover these topic areas (Horrible Histories is always good!)
3	Why did slavery happen?	Students will find out about the triangular trade, what kind of work slaves did, punishments they received and why ultimately the slave trade ended.	There are many places across the UK to visit – See Oliver Cromwell’s statue outside the Houses of Parliament in London, visit Cromford Mill in Derbyshire or the Ironbridge Museum, the slavery museum in Liverpool, the Imperial War museum in London, Leeds or Manchester.
4	What was World War One like?	Students will investigate the causes of World War One, and the conditions the soldiers faced in the trenches.	
5	What was World War Two like?	This topic focuses on life in Nazi Germany before the war, looks at the causes of the war and key events such as Dunkirk and the dropping of the atom bomb on Hiroshima.	More locally: the museums in Wellingborough, Kettering and Northampton. Rockingham Castle was the site of a Civil War Battle. Look out for war memorials in church yards and talk to relatives who lived through this period.
6	Who won the Cold War?	Students learn about the political differences between Communism and Capitalism and how this divided the world and brought us close to nuclear annihilation with the Cuban Missile Crisis.	

Students will have an assessment every term based on the topic they have covered. The assessment will focus on one of the key skills in History.