



The Mall School

Curriculum Guide

History – Summer Term

Year 5

Teacher: Mr Matthew Stock

Lessons: 3 x 35-40 min

Homework: 1 x 25 min

The Year 5 syllabus is a continuation from Year 4 from the end of the Roman Empire, through the Early Middle Ages and into the High Middle Ages in England. That is chiefly through the Anglo-Saxon and Viking invasions, the Roman Catholic Church, the Norman Invasion and Conquest, the Norman kings, the first Plantagenet king, Henry II and The Crusades. Causes, courses and consequences of the corresponding events will be covered as will an introduction to the concept of long and short term causes and consequences. The Common Entrance syllabus starts at 1066.

The Summer Term will cover the reign of Henry II and the crusades and will involve one formal 60 minute exam. The exam will be one factual test on 1066 to Henry II and two 15 mark essays. Descriptive essays will start to develop into analytical ones, with the question, 'Why?' being concentrated on, rather than just, 'What?'

The Key objectives

To increase the pupils' chronological knowledge and understanding.

To increase their knowledge and understanding of people and events from the past and be able to recognise parallels, similarities and differences with other people and events, past and present.

To appreciate how History can be interpreted differently.

To improve their essay writing skills by writing with greater depth and showing two or more sides of an issue.

To successfully research topics using a variety of different sources and to become more independent with their research and processing.

To establish their own lines of enquiry by asking 'why' at every opportunity and finding out the answers, hence taking more responsibility for their learning.

Resources

The primary resource for the pupils is their exercise book. Various books, photocopied sheets, DVDs and websites are employed to convey the necessary information to the pupils and for them to practise processing it. The boys are all expected to have a pen, pencil, ruler and rubber. Colouring pencils and highlighter pens are also very useful.