



Blue Coat Church of England Academy

Year: 8

Subject: History

Overview

At Key Stage 3 we have created schemes of work that allow pupils to reflect on the most important events of the past while reflecting on the importance of studying history and its relevance today. We feel it is important that students gain an understanding of Britain's development and how this has shaped the society which they live in, with particular focus on incorporating a rich and diverse story that speaks directly to our students' culture and heritage. We reflect upon the histories of different countries and cultures to develop a clear understanding of the past. To aid student's exploration of British history we use a range of key questions to focus their studies.

For example, students explore the following questions:

- Civil Unrest under the Stuarts
- British Empire
- Protests and rebellions during the industrial period
- Slavery
- Causes of WW1

To support the student's investigations, we work on developing a range of historical skills such as using historical information to develop their ability to create and validate their arguments about the past, the ability to analyse and interpret historical interpretations and primary sources, as well as fostering independent learning skills.