Autumn – British Empire and Slave Trade

Subject Skills – History

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- describe the characteristic features of past societies and periods.
- examine and begin to analyse the causes and consequences of events and changes
- explain, different historical interpretations of events, people and changes.
- select and combine information from historical sources considering issues of reliability and usefulness
- select, organise and deploy relevant information to produce well-structured narratives, descriptions and explanations.

Key Knowledge

Pupils will learn about the expansion of the British Empire. They will independently research the good and bad aspects of the British Empire and produce a creative response to the question 'Was the British Empire a force for good or a force for evil?'

The second part of the unit explores the extent and brutality of the transatlantic slave trade and conditions as a slave are explored through a study of the middle passage as well as life on a plantation. The unit is summarised with a focus on its eventual abolition and life for slaves after emancipation.

This topic allows students to gain an understanding of Britain as an expanding Empire and the role Britain played in the development and abolishing of slavery. Pupils will demonstrate their understanding of the impact this had on the social, economic and political life of the people of Britain at the time using various sources of evidence.

Spring – Industrial Revolution

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Key Knowledge

We will look at the significant events of the period 1745-1901 when Britain became the world's first industrial nation. The events studied include Britain's population explosion, development of transport and changing from a domestic system to a factory system. We will focus on the growth of towns, conditions in towns and the spread of diseases such as cholera. We will study the medical advances of the period. There is the chance for a visit to Newcastle University to work in the biomedical laboratories to investigate cures for cholera.

Topics will include:

- the changes during the Industrial Revolution.
- Inventions in the cotton industry
- Working conditions in industrial factories.
- Growth of towns
- Improvements in health and medicine.
- Pupils will write an essay to answer the question 'Was the Industrial Revolution a terrible time in British History?'

Summer – World War One

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Key Knowledge

Pupils will learn about the causes and events of World War One.

We will begin by looking examining the tragedy of World War One at a local/individual level, using first hand accounts and maps of deaths in the war of a local area.

We will then examine the causes of World War One focusing on MAIN (Militarism, Alliances, Imperialism and Nationalism) and pupils will consider how the assassination of Arch Duke Franz Ferdinand led to war.

We will then study the events of World War One including:

- Trench warfare
- Developments of weaponry
- Developments in medicine
- Soldiers of the Empire
- The Battle of the Somme.

Key Vocabulary Chronology/Chronological Source Useful Bias Reliable/Unreliable Long/short term cause Long/short term consequences Empire Colony

Slave/Enslaved

Trade

Triangular Trade

Middle Passage

Emancipation/Emancipate

Industrial/Industry/Industrialisation

Population

Invention

Factory

MAIN (Militarism, Alliances, Imperialism, Nationalism)

Triple Alliance/Triple Entente/Entente Cordiale

Trench warfare