



# HISTORY - YEAR 7

## **What was the world like by 1000AD? Theme: Wider world**

In this unit you will begin to understand why history is important to learn about as well as exploring the significance of historical figures. You will explore the world and what it was like by 1000AD e.g. the fall of the Roman empire, the spread of Christendom and the Islamic world. You will also develop the skills which will enable you to become a successful historian such as chronology and the use of historical sources.

## **Why did William win the Battle of Hastings? Theme: Conflict and conquest**

We will be looking at the changes made to England after the Norman invasion. We will focus on the contenders to throne in 1066 and the infamous Battle of Hastings. We will delve into the events of the battle, who won and why and how it was represented in the Bayeux tapestry.

## **Which group were the biggest threat to a Medieval king's rule?**

### **Theme: Power and politics**

This unit will start with William of Normandy and the challenges he faced as king of England. We will then explore other Medieval monarchs to see examples of the threats Medieval kings faced to their power and rule. This unit will look at the threats Medieval kings faced from the church, ordinary people and the barons.

## **Which was the most successful area of the Medieval Period?**

### **Theme: Expansion, empire and trade**

This unit will take us to other areas of the world to focus on different empires and areas around the world during the Medieval period. We will explore the Mongol empire of Asia, the Mali empire of North Africa and the English dominance over the British Isles. We will explore what these societies were like plus the strengths and weaknesses of different areas.

## **What were the Crusades and what did they do for us?**

### **Theme: Religion**

This unit will get you looking at all the religious aspects of Medieval life. Starting with functions of the Christian church you will then move onto the importance of medieval monasteries. This unit will also delve into why people went on Crusades, examples of the Crusades and focusing on what the Crusades did for us.

## **Was the Black Death or Peasants revolt more significant in Medieval society?**

### **Theme: Stability and instability**

We will be looking closely at two of the most significant events during the Medieval period, the Black Death and Peasants' revolt. We will study the events and consequences at the time but also the long-term impact it would have on society. At the end of the unit, based on the evidence, you will have to decide which event was most significant during the Medieval period.

