Knowsley Junior School

Golden Thread Overview

Golden Thread	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monarchy/Power	• Rule of Queen Victoria. • Understand what the British Empire was. • Establishment of democracy as a form of government within Athens. • Rise of Athens – Golden Age. • Significance of the Parthenon. • Rise of Sparta.	• Expanding Roman Empire. • Influence of Roman Empire on Britain. • Significance of Roman Emperors – Augustus, Caesar etc. • Roman Forts – significance and purpose. • Fall of Roman Britain. • Anglo Saxon Kings and Viking Leaders.	• Growth of Ancient Egypt. • Significance of Ancient Egyptian pharaohs – Tutankhamun, Cleopatra. • Valley of the Kings. • Pyramids of Giza & the Sphynx. • Space Race between USA & USSR. • Martin Luther King Jr – influence on civil rights movement in the USA. • Rise of the Civil Rights movement in US society and politics.	• Rise of Adolf Hitler and significance in lead up to WW2. • Significance of Winston Churchill in British politics during WW2. • Establishment of the United Nations – significance in today's world. • Maya hierarchy ruled by Kings and Priests. • Significance of Chichen Itza.
Conflict/Invasion	• Battle of Marathon – Greece and Persia. • Conflict between Sparta and Athens.	• Understand reasons for why people invade other countries – specifically Britain – Romans, Anglo Saxons & Vikings. • Roman Empire conflict with the Celts in Britain.	• Impact of Roman Empire expansion on Ancient Egyptian civilisation. • Conflict between Civil Rights Movement and the laws of the time in 1960's USA.	• Events which led to WW2. • Expansion of Nazi control over Europe. • Battle of Britain as a turning point in the war. • RAF Vs Luftwaffe. • Code breaking and significance in defeating the Axis.

		• Significance of Boudicca. • Conflict between Anglo Saxons and Vikings.	• Violent vs non-violent protest.	• D-Day Landings. • Conflict between Suffragettes & Suffragists with British society/Government.
Settlement/Civilization	• Skara Brae settlement – beginning of farming. • Achievements of prehistoric people – tools, wheel, use of metals etc. • Stonehenge. • Golden age of Athens. • Significance of Greek Gods & Goddesses within the Ancient Greek civilisation. • Significance of Greek Myths – how we can interpret them today. • Development of technology within Ancient Greece – pottery, materials, weaponry etc.	• Roman Empire influence on Britain: language, architecture, roads, place names, animals & vegetables etc. • Cultural development of art forms – mosaics. • Anglo Saxon settlement. • Establishment of the kingdoms in Anglo Saxon Britain. • Viking Settlement. • Establishment of the Danelaw.	• Achievements of the early civilisations – Indus Valley, Shang Dynasty, Ancient Sumer & Ancient Egypt – transport, writing, numbers, trade etc. • Ancient Egyptian Pyramids. • Significance of Ancient Egyptian myths, Gods & Goddesses and their religion. • Various Native American tribes – can't be treated as one. • Similarities and differences between the different tribes – housing, clothes, beliefs etc.	• Re-settlement of people after the end of WW2. • Understand where the Maya civilisation were located. • Understand there were different Maya societies. • Know there were different Maya beliefs which contained different Gods & Goddesses. • Understand the hierarchy of the Maya civilisation. • Know the Maya had a number and writing system.

	• Significance of Ancient Greek thinkers.			
Local History	• Understanding Victorian schools – comparing and contrasting to today.	• Understanding how Victorian children lived. • Comparing of the lives of Victorian Children to today. • Castleshaw Roman Fort.	• Identifying and understanding impact of Victorian England on today's world. • Looking at local architecture – Victorian buildings and modern day buildings in local area.	• Evacuation of children during WW2 to Oldham. • Understanding impact of cotton industry on Oldham. • Looking at the rise and fall of the cotton industry. • Significance of the Suffragette and Suffragist movement in Britain.
Diversity/Migration	• Movement of people – introduction of farming into Stone Age Britain.	• Understand why people migrated and how many may have been conquered by invading forces. • Understand how diverse the Roman Empire was. • The movement of ,and reasons for, people migrating to Britain – Anglo Saxons, Vikings etc.	• Movement of the Native American tribes across America.	• Movement of people across Europe – displaced from war. • Evacuation of children during WW2 out of busy city centres.