Progression of knowledge and skills: Y7 History

Topic	Knowledge (Pupils will learn…)	Skills (Pupils will learn how to…)
The Norman Conquest	• Know which years of history are 'Medieval England'. • Know who Edward the Confessor was and why there was a fight for his throne after his death in 1066. • Know why Harold Godwinson, Harald Hardrada and William of Normandy claimed the English throne. • Understand what happened in the Battle of Fulford and Battle of Stamford Bridge. • Know why Harald Hardrada was defeated at the Battle of Stamford Bridge. • Understand what happened during the Battle of Hastings, why William won and its significance.	• Use a range of sources to find out about medieval England. • Create a judgement and explain who should be king in 1066. • Prioritise the reasons why Hardrada was defeated at the Battle of Stamford Bridge. • Explain the causes of Hardrada's defeat and judge which one was the main cause. • Analyse a range of sources to understand accounts of the Battle of Hastings. • Analyse sources to learn about Godwinson's death at the Battle of Hastings. • Make inferences from sources studied in lessons. • Explain the reliability of sources, referring to their provenance and comparing them to each other.
Norman Control	• Understand what the event 'Harrying of the North' was. • Know why William introduced the Motte and Bailey castles in England. • Know the strengths and weaknesses of Motte and Bailey castles. • Understand why castles were developed to stone keep and concentric castles. • Know some of the castles built in England during William's reign and why. • Understand how the feudal system worked. • Understand what the Domesday Book was.	• Explain how William dealt with rebellions during the Harrying of the North and why this gave him power. • Explain why William built castles in England and its impact. • Explain the significance of the feudal system and why William gained money, power and loyalty from it. • Explain what the Domesday Book was, why William introduced it and its impact. • Decide how successful the Normans were at conquering England.
Parliament and Democracy	• Know the different roles of the Roman Catholic Church in medieval England. • Know why the Catholic Church has so much power in medieval England. • Understand who Thomas Becket and Henry II were and why they fell out. • Know some key events which led to Thomas Becket's murder. • Know how Henry II, Thomas Becket and the knights contributed to Becket's murder. • Understand why people had different perspectives of King John and why he has a reputation of an 'evil king'. • Know why the Magna Carta was created and King John agreed to it in 1215. • Know who Simon De Montfort was and his contribution to democracy in England. • Knowledge of democracy in the 1200s and in England today.	• Explain how the Catholic Church had importance and power in medieval England. • Explain why there were power struggles in England between the church and the king. • Use evidence and create arguments for how Henry II, the knights and Becket all contributed to Becket's murder. • Create a judgement for the main cause of Becket's murder. • Analyse a range of sources to find out about King John. • Explain the significance of the Magna Carta, • Compare parliament and democracy in medieval and modern-day England. • Construct justified arguments on the impact of parliament's development.

Life in Medieval England	• Know what medieval villages looked like and what life was like to live in one. • Understand why towns started being built in medieval England and its characteristics. • Know the main jobs of medieval people. • Understand medieval society and the different roles people had. • Know how punishments worked in medieval England. • Understand what people believed caused disease and how they were treated. • Understand what we mean by the 'Black Death'. • Understand some key events which led to the peasants revolting in 1381.	• Compare medieval towns and villages. • Compare medieval towns and villages to modern day England. • Compare medieval and modern-day punishments. • Explain what caused the Black Death in 1348. • Explain the significance of the Black Death. • Explain the causes of the Peasants Revolt in 1381.
The Wars of the Roses and Henry VII	• Understand why there was a fight for the throne during the Wars of the Roses. • Know who was involved in the Wars of the Roses. • Know who the House of York and House of Lancastrians were. • Know some of the key events during the Wars of the Roses. • Understand the theories behind the disappearance of the princes in the tower. • Understand how Richard III became king. • Know what happened during the Battle of Bosworth between Richard III and Henry VII. • Understand how Henry VII became king. • Know the problems Henry VII faced when he became king. • Understand how Henry VII dealt with his problems.	• Explain why the Wars of the Roses happened. • Using evidence, form an opinion and argue why the princes in the tower disappeared. • Analyse sources on the princes in the tower. • Explain the significance of the Battle of Bosworth. • Argue how successful Henry VII was at dealing with his problems.