

Below is a table of possible English topics that could be covered. If you are not following the national curriculum, then this allows you to put together an English curriculum that is tailored to your child. Please discuss these with Dan, and if there is something that is not on the list below, be sure to mention it so we can add it in.

Historical area	Possible topics	Skills and activities
Historical skills	Chronology, cause and consequence, change and continuity, significance, similarity and difference	Timelines, source comparison, sequencing events and explaining why events mattered
Using sources	Written accounts, photographs, artefacts, maps, speeches, posters and newspapers	Evaluating reliability, identifying bias, making inferences and comparing evidence
Ancient civilisations	Ancient Egypt, Greece, Rome, Mesopotamia, Indus Valley and ancient China	Artefact study, timelines, mythology, government and everyday life
Prehistoric Britain	Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age	Settlement design, archaeology, technology and changes in lifestyle
Roman Britain	Invasion, resistance, towns, roads, religion and daily life	Maps, source work, Roman case studies and evaluating the impact of conquest
Anglo-Saxon England	Migration, kingdoms, religion, society and culture	Settlement study, artefacts, law codes and historical interpretation
Viking Britain	Raids, settlement, trade, exploration and conflict	Mapping journeys, analysing evidence and challenging stereotypes
The Norman Conquest	1066, claimants, the Battle of Hastings, castles and control	Decision-making exercises, battle analysis, source comparison and castle design
Medieval life	Feudalism, villages, towns, religion, work and law	Diary writing, role play, maps and comparing social groups
Medieval monarchy	Henry II, King John, Magna Carta, parliament and royal power	Debates, document analysis and evaluating the power of kings
The Black Death	Causes, symptoms, beliefs, treatments and social consequences	Source analysis, population data and comparing medieval and modern responses
The Crusades	Religion, warfare, pilgrimage, trade and cultural contact	Comparing perspectives, map work and evaluating motives

Historical area	Possible topics	Skills and activities
The Wars of the Roses	Rival dynasties, battles, propaganda and the rise of the Tudors	Family trees, timelines and analysing claims to the throne
Tudor England	Henry VII, Henry VIII, Elizabeth I, religion, poverty and exploration	Portrait analysis, speeches, religious change and court life
The English Reformation	Causes, monasteries, religious conflict and change	Comparing interpretations, analysing laws and assessing consequences
Elizabethan England	Exploration, theatre, poverty, crime, religion and the Spanish Armada	Source work, map study and thematic projects
The Stuart period	James I, Charles I, civil war, Cromwell and the Restoration	Debates, propaganda analysis and exploring political conflict
The English Civil War	Parliament, monarchy, religion, battles and local experiences	Role play, source analysis and judging responsibility
The Great Plague and Great Fire	Disease, urban life, public health and rebuilding London	Diary extracts, maps, timelines and comparing official responses
Witchcraft and belief	Superstition, religion, accusations, trials and social tension	Case studies, court records and evaluating explanations
The Industrial Revolution	Factories, inventions, transport, urbanisation and working conditions	Census work, factory investigations, city maps and reform debates
Childhood through history	Education, work, family life, discipline and children's rights	Comparing time periods, diaries, photographs and personal accounts
Crime and punishment	Medieval law, public punishment, prisons, policing and reform	Case studies, source analysis and evaluating fairness
Medicine through time	Ancient medicine, medieval beliefs, Renaissance discoveries and modern healthcare	Medical timelines, key individuals and evaluating progress
The British Empire	Trade, colonisation, resistance, migration and independence	Multiple perspectives, map analysis and legacy debates
The transatlantic slave trade	Enslavement, resistance, abolition and legacy	Personal narratives, trade maps, abolition campaigns and source evaluation
The American Revolution	Taxation, protest, war, independence and the creation of the USA	Speeches, political cartoons and comparing viewpoints

Historical area	Possible topics	Skills and activities
The French Revolution	Inequality, revolution, terror, Napoleon and political change	Cause-and-consequence diagrams, debates and analysing revolutionary imagery
The age of revolution	Democracy, nationalism, industrialisation and political reform	Comparing revolutions and tracking changing political ideas
Victorian Britain	Society, empire, poverty, industry, education and reform	Census research, photographs, biographies and local history
Women's history	Women's work, rights, suffrage, education and social change	Campaign materials, biographies, speeches and evaluating progress
The suffrage movement	Suffragists, suffragettes, protest, opposition and voting rights	Poster analysis, debates and comparing methods of protest
Migration to Britain	Romans, Vikings, Huguenots, Irish migration, Commonwealth migration and refugees	Migration timelines, oral histories and examining reasons for movement
The First World War	Causes, trenches, technology, home front and consequences	Letters, propaganda, maps and evaluating experiences
Interwar Britain	Unemployment, political change, culture, women and social reform	Newspaper study, statistics and local case studies
The rise of dictatorships	Fascism, Nazism, communism, propaganda and control	Comparing systems, analysing speeches and exploring political conditions
Nazi Germany	Hitler's rise, dictatorship, youth, propaganda, persecution and resistance	Source analysis, personal accounts and examining choices
The Holocaust	Antisemitism, persecution, ghettos, camps, resistance and remembrance	Survivor testimony, ethical source work and memorial projects
The Second World War	Causes, major events, technology, home front and global impact	Timelines, maps, eyewitness accounts and campaign studies
The Home Front	Evacuation, rationing, bombing, women's work and propaganda	Family history, posters, oral accounts and local research
The Cold War	USA and USSR, nuclear weapons, Berlin, Cuba, Korea and Vietnam	Crisis simulations, propaganda comparison and timeline work
Civil rights in the USA	Segregation, protest, key leaders, legislation and resistance	Speeches, photographs, protest methods and evaluating change

Historical area	Possible topics	Skills and activities
Post-war Britain	Welfare state, migration, youth culture, decolonisation and changing society	Oral histories, advertisements, census data and media analysis
Northern Ireland and the Troubles	Identity, civil rights, conflict, peace process and reconciliation	Timeline work, multiple perspectives and careful source evaluation
History of protest	Peasants' Revolt, Chartism, suffrage, trade unions and civil rights	Comparing methods, judging success and campaign design
History of democracy	Magna Carta, parliament, voting rights and political reform	Constitutional timelines, debates and document analysis
Local history	The learner's town, county, buildings, industry, wartime history and community change	Archive research, old maps, photographs, interviews and heritage trails
Family history	Census records, occupations, migration and personal stories	Family trees, oral history and interpreting records
Archaeology	Excavation, dating, preservation and interpreting evidence	Mock digs, artefact analysis and site reports
Military history	Strategy, technology, leadership and soldiers' experiences	Battle maps, tactical exercises and comparing accounts
History of science and technology	Inventions, medicine, transport, communication and space exploration	Innovation timelines, biographies and impact studies
History of everyday life	Food, clothing, housing, leisure, work and family	Object study, recipe projects and comparing lifestyles
Public history and heritage	Museums, memorials, statues and historical interpretation	Designing exhibitions, reviewing museums and debating commemoration
Independent historical enquiry	Any chosen period, person, event or controversy	Research questions, source evaluation, presentations and extended projects



Volcano Education

GUIDING LEARNING. IGNITING POTENTIAL.