

# Year 8 History: The British Empire & its impact on the world 1492 to the present

<b>Autumn Term</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Britain, its Empire and the world, 1492 to 1700</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The world powers of the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Empires: <i>Songhai, Aztec, Ming and Ottoman</i></li> <li>❖ Why and how did Europeans start to explore the world during the 15<sup>th</sup> century?</li> <li>❖ How did Britain become more connected across the world?</li> <li>❖ Elizabethan England and the Islamic World.</li> <li>❖ Key explorers: Magellan, da Gama, Drake, Hawkins, Diego the Circumnavigator</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Britain and the slave trade 1562-1865</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ What was the African experience in Tudor England?</li> <li>❖ How did the slave trade start in West Africa and how did the British become involved?</li> <li>❖ Who were the Caribbean freedom fighters?</li> <li>❖ What was the experience of free and enslaved people living in Britain?</li> <li>❖ The abolition movement</li> <li>❖ How did Britain continue to benefit from slavery after abolition?</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>
<b>Spring Term</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The British Empire across the world 1600 to 1900</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ What was the East India Company and how did it take over from the Mughals?</li> <li>❖ What happened in 1857 &amp; was it a mutiny or war of independence?</li> <li>❖ What was the British Raj and what was life like for Indians?</li> <li>❖ What was the Scramble for Africa and how did it impact the continent?</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The British Empire after 1900</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ What is the difference between dominions and colonies?</li> <li>❖ How did World War I impact the British Empire?</li> <li>❖ The campaigns for independence.</li> <li>❖ How and why did World War II contribute to the end of the Empire?</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>
<b>Summer Term</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The End of the British Empire and its legacy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ How and why did India become independent in 1947?</li> <li>❖ What is decolonisation and how did it happen?</li> <li>❖ How did the British Empire end?</li> <li>❖ What is the legacy of Empire for the rest of the world?</li> <li>❖ How has Britain's place in the world changed since the fall of the empire?</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Suggested reading available in the History Library:</u></b></p> <p><b>Black and British: A short, essential history</b>-David Olusoga, <b>Blade and Bone</b>- Catherine Johnson  <b>Divers Daughter: A Tudor Diver's Daughter</b> -Patrice Lawrence, <b>The Austen Girls</b>- Lucy Worsley  <b>The White Phoenix</b>- Katherine Kendall, <b>The Girl From Everywhere</b>- Heidi Heilig,  <b>The House on Hummingbird Island</b>- Sam Angus, <b>Crow Mountain</b>- Lucy Inglis</p>	