DRIVING QUESTION: **HOW DID EVENTS IN THE MEDIEVAL PERIOD SHAPE OUR SOCIETY TODAY?**

The ‘In Days of Old’ theme is a Humanities rich theme. Students will work towards answering the driving question by considering events that took place in Britain and the wider world during the Middle Ages. Students will explore the events surrounding The Norman Conquest in 1066 and investigate the way in which the Norman invaders maintained control of England. In order to do this, students will use and analyse sources and interpretations and learn about bias. Significant emphasis is placed on the role of religion in Medieval Britain and students will consider the impact that religion and religious leaders have had on historical events such as the Crusades and the murder of Thomas Becket. By the end of the theme students will be expected to answer the driving question and will be beginning to explore some of the more complex aspects of history such as cause and effect and continuity and change.

**In this theme I will learn…**

* To understand the difference between historical sources and interpretations
* What the events of 1066 were and why there was a succession crisis
* What happened during the Battle of Hastings
* Who the Normans were and what methods they used to keep control of England after 1066
* What the Feudal System was and how it worked in medieval England
* What the Domesday Book was and why William the Conqueror compiled it
* How castles developed over the medieval period and how they were used
* The difference between short and long term causes and consequences
* The different ways to attack a castle during the medieval period
* About the birth and importance of Jesus
* Who Thomas Becket was and why he was murdered
* To compare what happens if religious leaders break the law today, compared to in the past
* What makes a great leader
* Who the Prophet Muhammad was and his leadership style
* What the Black Death was and what were its consequences
* Who Wat Tyler was and what were the events of the Peasants Revolt
* What the Crusades were and why they took place
* Who King John was and why many people in England did not like him
* What Magna Carta was and why it was important
* What human rights and freedom are and why they are important
* What the Bayeux Tapestry is and why it is important
* What the Hundred Years War was and its significance in British culture
* About some of the most memorable moments in Medieval History

**In this theme the skills I will develop will be…**

* How to use historical sources and interpretations to answer historical questions
* How to analyse the **reliability and usefulness** of historical sources and interpretations
* How to make inferences from historical sources and interpretations
* How to arrange information into chronological order
* How to understand what makes a source or interpretation biased and the impact that this has
* How to make an infographic
* How to write a diary entry
* How to write a confession
* How to re-write a modern version of a parable
* How to research information independently
* How to answer GCSE style History questions
* How to write a report
* How to create a spider diagram
* How to create a balanced argument
* How to write an encyclopaedia entry
* How to participate in a class debate