Year 4: Autumn - Ancient Maya

| | Required prior knowledge | Knowledge to be explicitly taught | How knowledge will be built upon |
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| Substantive | An empire is a group of countries or places ruled by one person (Y3 Spr) An autocracy is a system of government where one person or one group can rule exactly as they want to forever (Y3 Spr) Egyptians built pyramids to honour the pharaoh (half man half god) (Y3 Spr) Egyptians used phonetic, conceptual and pictorial hieroglyphics to share stories with future generations (Y3 Spr) A city-state is a city and the surrounding land that has its own government and identity (Y3 Sum) Ancient Greece was not an empire, but was made of lots of city-states like Athens and Sparta (Y3 Sum) Democracy is a system of government where everyone has a say (Y3 Sum) Ancient Greeks used skills in architecture to build temples to honour their gods. Ancient Greeks believed in multiple gods and wrote myths (Y3 Sum) The Ancient Greeks contributed knowledge that is relevant today, including medicine, science, mathematics and astronomy (Y3 Sum) | The Maya civilisation flourished in Mesoamerica from 250 to 800. It declined after that, but descendants of the Maya live in Central America today The Maya lived in city-states ruled by kings The relationships between city-states in Maya civilisation were different to those in Ancient Greece Maya worshipped multiple gods who were each responsible for something Ancient Maya sacrificed animals and sometimes humans to honour gods Maya cities had a plaza, temples, a ball court and sometimes an observatory Ancient Maya developed a number system and developed the concept of zero The Ancient Maya developed hieroglyphics, like the Egyptians | The Maya resisted Spanish conquest but were eventually defeated in 1697. Even after that, the Maya fought to maintain their culture, language, and traditions – which still survive in descendants of the Maya today (Y5 Sum) |
| Disciplinary and procedural | Mathematics: Compare and order numbers up to 1000 (Y3) Chronology: Use vocabulary like now, before now, a long time before now to describe periods in time (Y1) Chronology: Recognise historical periods or events using arrows on a blank timeline (Y1) | [Mathematics]: Number system over time has developed to include zero Chronology: Describe historical periods and times using dates [AD only] and as a given number of years ago (up to 1000) Chronology: Place dates [AD only] on a timeline Similarity & difference: Historians can consider the similarities and differences between people in two different civilisations from the past | Chronology: Recognise and use AD/BC and BCE/CE accurately (Y5 Aut) Similarity & difference: Historians should recognise the similar and different experiences that individuals from the same community have based on their age, gender, race, wealth, sexuality and other characteristics (Y5 Aut) |
| VCs | Quest for knowledge: People in the past had different knowledge or beliefs to us; this does not mean that they are more 'stupid' than people today (Y3 Aut) | Quest for knowledge: Different civilisations across the world developed similar knowledge independently | Quest for knowledge: Knowledge was developed and shared across different civilisations across many continents. Different civilisations place different values on knowledge and scientific development than others (Y4 Spr) |

Year4: Spring - Early Islamic Civilisation

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| Substantive | Geography: The capital city of England is London (Y1) Science: We see when light enters our eyes (Y3) An empire is a group of countries or places ruled by one person (Y3 Spr) Ancient Egypt was an empire, led by a pharaoh (Y3 Spr) A civilisation is a group of people and their society, culture and way of life (Y3 Sum) Science: The digestive system is the group of organs that help your body digest food (Y4) Science: Role of the stomach and the small intestine (Y4) | The Early Islamic Civilisation began with the founding of Islam by the Prophet Muhammad in 610 The Early Islamic Civilisation was an empire, led by the caliph. The Early Islamic Empire stretched across Eastern Europe, Northern Africa and Western Asia The people of the Early Islamic Empire were connected by their common identity and religion, as well as geographical (political) boundaries Baghdad was founded in 762 and became the capital city, and it was strategically designed Knowledge and wisdom is central to Islam, and the House of Wisdom brought together the knowledge of many civilisations and welcomed scholars of all backgrounds Education for children was also considered important and schools were established in communities, for example in mosques Early Muslim doctors and surgeons introduced key principles of medicine including holistic treatments, free hospitals and learning from each other Early Muslim doctors used a range of treatments that are still used in some way today. It was an early Islamic mathematician (Al Khwarizmi) who introduced the numbers 0-9 into Europe It was an early Islamic scientist (Ibn Al Haytham) who proved that humans see when light enters eye In 1258, a Mongol army brutally attacked Baghdad. They killed scholars and threw books from the House of Wisdom into the river Tigris, and lots of knowledge was lost | We only know about many of the (Greek and) Roman writings and developments because they were preserved and translated by scholars in Baghdad (Y5 Aut) The Early Islamic Empire was around at the same time as the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings in England, but the two civilisations looked very different (Y6) |
| Disciplinary and procedural | Mathematics: Compare and order numbers up to 1000 (Y3) Geography: Political maps show human boundaries and features; physical maps show physical boundaries and features (Y3) Historical significance: Historians choose to study people or events from the past because they were important to people at the time and/or are remembered today (Y2) Chronology: Use vocabulary like decade and century (Y3 Sum) Chronology: Describe historical periods and times using dates [AD only] and as a given number of years ago (Y4 Aut) | Historical significance: Historians can set their own criteria for what they consider to be significant, and why it should be studied Historical evidence: Political maps have changed over time Chronology: Convert between a year and a century | Historical significance: The past is everything that has happened to everyone, but we only learn about some parts in history. The rest is known as silence (Y5 Sum) Chronology: Recognise and use AD/BC and BCE/CE accurately (Y5 Aut) |

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| CC CC CC CC CC CC CC CC CC CC | Power, empire & democracy: People get their power in different ways. For example, some are powerful because they have divine status, i.e. seen as half man or half god; some are rich; some have powerful armies (Y3 Sum) Power, empire & democracy: Empires are large areas of land that are controlled by one person or group of people (Y3 Spr) Quest for knowledge: Different civilisations across the world developed similar knowledge independently (Y4 Aut) Community & family: In communities in history, different people often had very defined roles (Y3 Aut) Community & family: There are many factors which can cause communities to change over time (Y3 Sut) | Power, empire & democracy: Empires grow and shrink as the power of its leader changes. Quest for knowledge: Knowledge was developed and shared across different civilisations across many continents Quest for knowledge: Sometimes a political leader is also a religious leader Quest for knowledge: Different civilisations place different values on knowledge and scientific development than others Community & family: Communities can be brought together by geographical location, or by a shared identity Community & family: Trade can impact what a community looks like Community & family: At some points in history the education of children has been highly valued | Quest for knowledge: Different civilisations take different valid approaches to knowledge. Western science and the emphasis on the scientific method is not the dominant approach everywhere in the world (Y5 Sum) Community & family: At some points in history children have been expected to contribute to daily life in their community (Y6) |

Year 4: Summer - Local History

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| Substantive | • [One aspect of the history of the local area; varies by school (Y2 Aut)] Year 4 teachers should liaise with their history lead and/or Year 2 teacher to ensure that there is no accidental duplication. | • [History of local area; varies by school] | A local history study, to consider the locality across different periods, including case studies of people, such as individuals like soldiers, suffragettes, or places, like a cathedral, castle, battlefield. (KS3) |
| Disciplinary and procedural | Historical significance: Historians choose to study people or events in the past because they resulted in change (Y1) Historical significance: Historians choose to study people or events from the past because they were important to people at the time and/or are remembered today (Y2) Historical significance: Historians can set their own criteria for what they consider to be significant, and why it should be studied (Y4 Spr) Similarity & difference: Historians sometimes group people together to make explanations easier, but every individual in the past had similar and different experiences (Y3 Sum) Historical evidence: Primary sources are sources that were created by someone who experienced the event firsthand. Secondary sources are about primary sources (Y2) Historical evidence: Sources do not always provide an objective account of what happened in history; historians need to consider the author and purpose and analyse it critically (Y3 Spr) Chronology: Place a small selection of sources in order, from most to least recent (Y2) Chronology: Describe historical periods and times using dates [AD only] and as a given number of years ago (Y4 Aut) Chronology: Convert between a year and a century (Y4 Spr) Geography: Use a range of map types, including photographs of areas in plan/oblique view, and OS maps (Y5) | Historical evidence: Local history archives can be an invaluable source of information for historians Change & continuity: The impact of larger- scale changes can be seen in [my local area] | Historical evidence: There are limits to what historians can learn from any collection of sources (KS3) Historical evidence: Sources do not provide an objective account of what happened in history (KS3) Historical evidence: Begin by asking: who did the author intend it for (audience)? why was it made? To help think about the purpose of it. Historical evidence: Evidence needs to be understood in its context (KS3) Historical evidence: Inferences are drawn from a range of evidence to create interpretations of the past (KS3) |
| VCs | | | |