



Topics

Pupils have a topic list in their books which details the events and individuals we are studying in Year 9. This includes a study of the Reformation, The Tudor Monarchs including Henry VIII and his wives, Edward VI, Mary I and Elizabeth I. We study The Stuarts including the Gunpowder Plot and The English Civil War. In the third Term we learn about Ireland under the Tudors and Stuarts with focus on the Plantations and the Williamite wars.

Assessment

MATs and other work in class and exams continue to assess knowledge understanding and skills in history. In year 9 pupils are expected to explain and organise their points in more extended answers. In source work they are expected to quote to support their answers.

How to help your child prepare for assessment?

In order to do well in history pupils first need knowledge so they can show off their skills. They should try to learn information using techniques such as:

- magic 10 (ten key facts about an event).
- key facts cards.
- look say cover write check – create a mind map and re draw it several times until it is learned.
- create a mnemonic to learn key facts.
- test them on events – ask questions from their notebook / textbook.
- Under Parental supervision access revision videos linked to the topics on YouTube.

*There is a display in the history corridor helping them understand the steps to learning.

Developing interest

Why not visit Dunluce Castle to understand a little more about plantations, Derry/Londonderry and see the walls during the siege, Take note of the bridge at the River Boyne on the way to Dublin, Visit the Ulster Museum Spanish Armada Exhibition.

Books to read

My Friend Walter, Michael Morpurgo, Ghost of Grania O'Malley, Michael Morpurgo, My Story series.