

Progression of Golden Threads in History

	Monarchy and Religion	Invasion and Settlement	Society and Legacy	Exploration and Empire	Significant People
Year 1 Guy Fawkes and Bonfire Night	Introduction to the concept of monarchy and the religious implications leading to the Gunpowder Plot.	(This topic doesn't primarily focus on invasion or settlement.)	Legacy of the Gunpowder Plot in British culture and society.	(This topic doesn't primarily focus on exploration or empire.)	Guy Fawkes and his role in the Gunpowder Plot.
Year 1 Great Explorers - Tim Peake	While not directly related, students can explore the concept of a modern 'knighted' individual serving their country and queen.	Exploration theme, but not directly related to historical invasions or settlements.	The societal impact of space exploration and the legacy of modern explorers.	Modern exploration of space. Tim Peake's journey as a representation of human exploration beyond Earth.	Tim Peake and his significance in modern space exploration.
Year 1 Great Inventions: Transport	(This topic doesn't particularly focus on monarchy and religion.)	Potential to discuss the impact of transport innovations on colonization and settlements.	How innovations in transport changed society and their lasting legacy.	Impact of transport innovations on exploration and the growth of empires.	Inventors and pioneers of transportation (like George Stephenson, the Wright brothers).
Year 2 Local Heroes: Edith Cavell/ Florence Nightingale	Understanding of service to the nation under the reign of monarchs. Religious motivations and beliefs guiding the actions of figures like Nightingale.	(This topic doesn't particularly focus on invasion or settlement.)	Impact on societal views on nursing and the lasting legacies of these heroines.	While these figures aren't directly related to exploration, their roles can be seen in the context of the British Empire.	Edith Cavell and Florence Nightingale, their contributions to nursing and wartime efforts.
Year 2 The Great Fire of London	Exploration of the reign of Charles II and the religious tensions during his time. The role of the Church in societal life.	(While not a direct focus, discussions can be made about how settlements evolved post-fire.)	Societal changes post-fire and the legacy of the event in modern London.	(This topic doesn't directly focus on exploration or empire.)	King Charles II, Samuel Pepys (for his diaries), and Sir Christopher Wren (rebuilding efforts).
Year 2 Holidays	This topic may indirectly focus on monarchy and religion through discussion in the context of national holidays and celebrations related to the monarchy or religious festivals.	(This topic doesn't primarily focus on invasion or settlement.)	Evolution of societal norms around holidays and their cultural legacies.	Potential to discuss holidays in British colonies and the impact of empire on global travel.	Possibly figures significant to certain holidays (Father Christmas).
Year 3 Stone Age	Introduction to ancient forms of worship and belief systems. Understanding of early societal structures and potential chieftains.	Early human migrations, settlements, and way of life in prehistoric times.	Stone Age societal structures and the lasting legacy of early human culture.	Early human explorations and migrations.	Significant prehistoric tribal leaders or shamans (though specific names may not be known).
Year 3 Bronze Age to Iron Age	Evolution of spiritual practices and societal structures. Introduction to the concept of tribal leaders and early monarch-like figures.	Transition of nomadic to settled societies. Invasions by different tribes or groups in Britain.	Transition in societal norms with advancements in technology and the legacy of these ages in modern culture.	Exploration of resources and trade during these ages.	Significant tribal chiefs or leaders, metalwork artisans.
Year 3 Ancient Egypt	Study of Pharaohs as both religious and political leaders. Exploration of ancient religious practices and beliefs.	Settlement along the Nile, potential invasions and interactions with neighboring cultures.	Egyptian societal structures and the legacy of Ancient Egypt in modern culture and knowledge.	Egypt as an ancient empire and its exploratory endeavors, especially along the Nile.	Pharaohs like Tutankhamun, Cleopatra, Rameses II, etc.
Year 4 The Romans	Understanding the role of Emperors and the intertwining of politics and religion. Introduction to Roman pantheon and religious practices.	Roman invasion of Britain and the establishment of Roman settlements across the island.	Roman societal structures, contributions, and the lasting legacy of the Roman Empire, especially in Britain.	The vast Roman Empire, its exploration, and colonization of new territories including Britain.	Figures like Julius Caesar, Emperor Claudius, Boudicca, etc.
Year 4 Journeys	(Potential to discuss pilgrimage or journeys of religious significance.)	(Potential to discuss migrations, settlements, or invasions in various contexts.)	(Potential discussions on how journeys have shaped societies and the lasting impact of significant journeys.)	Various exploratory journeys and their impact, from migrations to trade expeditions.	Specific explorers, migrants, or travelers relevant to the discussed journeys.
Year 4 Local History (Peterborough UK)	Exploration of the role of local monarchs, lords, or religious figures in the history of Peterborough.	Possible discussions on how Peterborough was settled and any historical invasions or migrations affecting it.	Examination of Peterborough's societal history and its legacy in the present.	Possible discussions on Peterborough's role in the wider British Empire or its history with exploration.	Significant historical figures from Peterborough's history.
Year 5 Anglo Saxons	Understanding of kings and their religious affiliations. Pagan practices transitioning to Christianity.	Anglo-Saxon invasions, settlements, and kingdoms established in Britain.	Anglo-Saxon societal structures and their legacy in England's culture and language.	The movement and settlement of the Anglo-Saxons, though not an 'empire' in the traditional sense.	Alfred the Great, Bede, etc.
Year 5 Vikings	Exploration of Viking leaders and their pantheon of gods. Conversion to Christianity and its implications.	Viking raids, invasions, and eventual settlements in parts of Britain.	Viking societal norms, their integration with other cultures, and their legacy in modern times.	Viking exploration, raids, and settlements in various parts of Europe and beyond.	Erik the Red, Ragnar Lodbrok, Harald Hardrada, etc.
Year 5 Crime and Punishment in the Victorian Era	Role of the monarchy in Victorian times and the Church's stance on societal issues.	(This topic doesn't primarily focus on invasion or settlement.)	Victorian societal norms, the legacy of Victorian legal systems, and societal attitudes.	Context of the British Empire's influence on Victorian society and global exploration.	Queen Victoria, significant reformers, or notable criminals of the era.
Year 6 Impact of WW1 on Britain	Discussion on the role of the monarchy during wartime. Exploration of religious beliefs amidst the horrors of war.	(While WW1 involved invasions, the focus would be more on warfare than settlement.)	Societal changes post-WW1, the legacy of the war in shaping modern Britain.	The role and impact of empires in WW1, including the dissolution and changes to empires post-war.	King George V, generals like Douglas Haig, soldiers, poets like Wilfred Owen.

Year 6 Ancient Greece	Introduction to Greek pantheon. Role of kings and leaders in religious activities.	Greek colonization, city-states, and potential conflicts with neighboring regions.	Greek societal structures, democracy, and the lasting legacy of Greek culture and thought.	The exploration of the ancient Greeks and the influence of the Greek 'empires' (e.g., Alexander the Great).	Figures like Socrates, Alexander the Great, Helen of Troy, Pericles, etc.
Year 6 The Maya	Study of the role of kings and priests in Mayan society. Exploration of Mayan religious practices.	Establishment of Mayan cities and settlements.	Mayan societal structures and the legacy of the Maya in modern understanding of ancient civilizations.	Exploration within the Mayan civilization and its influence in the Mesoamerican region.	Kings like Pakal the Great, Lady Xoc, etc.