

Hello Year 7! We're really sorry we didn't get to meet all of you during your Transition Week, but rest assured we've been working really hard to finalise your fantastic History lessons for next year and beyond! We've included a little taste of what awaits you at Higham Lane, and a few tasks and challenges for you to have a go at. I'm sure you'll be fantastic at them!

The first unit you'll be studying is the Romans, alongside learning some brilliant new history skills. Next, we'll take a tour of the concept of 'Britishness', move onto a vast range of both Medieval and Tudor Monarchs, consider some threats to the English Throne, before finishing Year 7 with a look at how the world changes both at home and abroad as a result of the Age of Exploration and the Industrial Revolution.

We're really looking forward to meeting the next generation of HLS Historians!

See you soon,

Team History at HLS

## What is chronology?

In order to know where you are going you need to know where you have been.

In order to make sense of any time or event we need to do that in relation to other times and events.

Chronology is a word meaning 'the study of time'. It comes from the Greek words *chronos* (time) and *logos* (word). The adjective is *chronological*. Putting events in chronological order means: listing them in the order in which they happened

## How do we put time into chronological order?

*Time is divided into two distinct eras known as BCE (before common era) and CE (common era). The following timeline shows how time works in these two eras.*

< Before Common Era - BCE/BC >					< Common Era - CE/AD >			
3000	300	3	2	1	1	2	500	2020
BCE	BCE	BCE	BCE	BCE	CE	CE	CE	CE

*Dates in BCE (BC) get larger the further back in history you go and smaller towards 1BCE.*

*Dates in CE (AD) get smaller the further back in history towards 1CE/AD and larger towards the future (e.g 2018).*

## **Now have a go yourself!**

Put these dates from BCE into the correct chronological order:

1BCE      400BCE      96BCE      5BCE  
3000BCE    753BCE      2BCE

Put these dates from CE into the correct chronological order:

1CE      400CE      96CE      5CE  
3000CE    753CE      2CE

## **What about our first unit, the Romans?**

### **Who were the Romans?**

**Rome** is now the capital city of Italy. 2,000 years ago it was the centre of the Roman Empire. Building started in 753 BC. The Romans were the people who lived in Rome and ruled over the people in their **empire**.

### **When were the Romans?**

The Roman Empire was created 2000 years ago. Much has happened in history, so it is important to know when the Romans lived in relation to our lives. Plot the events into the correct **chronological order** to see where the Roman's fit into our story.

a) World War	b) The	c) Battle of	d) The
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Two ends 1945 CE	Gunpowder Plotters fail 1605 CE	Hastings 1066 CE	Industrial Revolution in England begins 1750 CE
e) The Romans leave Britain. Anglo-Saxons rule over England 450 CE	f) Rome is founded 753BCE	g) English explorers find land in North America for the first time 1497 CE	h) Victoria becomes Queen of England 1837 CE
i) Henry II kills Archbishop Thomas Becket 1189 CE	j) Elizabeth I becomes queen 1558 CE	k) The English Civil War 1642 CE	l) You start at Higham Lane School

Use the space below to plan out your order before you write it onto your timeline on the next page.



*Do you know of any other important historical events which you can plot on your timeline? Plot these on, making sure the dates are correct.*

**Gold Challenges:**

How many years are there between now and when...

a) Rome was founded?

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b) The Romans left Britain?

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**Independent Learning: Time to take it further!**

Find out more about the development of the Roman Empire:

<https://www.history.com/topics/ancient-history/ancient-rome>

Find out more about Queen Boudicca's uprising against the Romans:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic\\_figures/boudicca.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/boudicca.shtml)

<https://allthatsinteresting.com/queen-boudica>

Find out more about Roman numerals:

<https://www.romannumerals.org/>

[https://www.ducksters.com/kidsmath/roman\\_numerals.php](https://www.ducksters.com/kidsmath/roman_numerals.php)