Year 8 Fundamentals

In History, our fundamentals are the required knowledge they need to remember to develop as excellent historians, combined with their development of the historical skills to showcase that knowledge and understanding.

Knowledge Fundamentals-also known as Substantive Knowledge:

Unit 1:Queen Elizabeth I: A new style of Monarch?

Understand why Elizabeth attempted the Middle Way.
Analyse which assassination plots posed the most threat.
Recall the events of the Babington plot.
Explain the different causes of the Spanish Armada.
Make a judgement on why the Spanish Armada failed.
Describe the reasons behind the start of the British empire.

Unit 2: The Stuarts: the beginning of catastrophe?

Understand why the Plotters wanted to blow up parliament.
Explain the different causes of the English Civil war:
1.Political
2.Religious
3.Economic
State differences between the Roundheads and Cavaliers.
Recall the events of King Charles I trial.
Evaluate the different historical opinions of Oliver Cromwell.
Describe why James I was seen as the Scruffy king.

Unit 3: Was the Restoration period a time of great significance?

describe how "merry" life was during the reign of Charles II.
understand how the Plague was able to spread so quickly.
analyse the impact of the Plague through different interpretations.
analyse whether the Great Fire was arson or accidental.
explain the different causes behind the Great Fire of London.
recall the events of the Great Fire of London.
evaluate the impact of the Great Fire on London and the changes it inspired.

Unit 4: The Industrial Revolution: Britain leads the way?

Define the Industrial Revolution.
Define the Domestic System.
Explain the causes of the Industrial Revolution.
Understand the reasons behind the population explosion.
Understand the working conditions for children in the factories.
Evaluate the impact of key industrial inventors.
Make a judgement on the most significant industrial inventor.

Unit 5: British Empire

Analyse the causes of the Indian Mutiny.
Recall the events the Indian Mutiny.
Evaluate whether or not Britain intended to take over control of India through the East India Company.
Describe the positives and negatives of the British Raj.

Describe the Atlantic Slave Trade.
Analyse living and working conditions of slaves on plantations.

Unit 6: The challenge is on. Britain in conflict

Understand the causes of the Seven Year War.
Recall some events of the Seven Year War.
Describe how the execution of King Louis XVI links to English rule.
Describe the main events of the Battle of Trafalgar.
Make a judgement the impact of the French revolution on the relationship between Britain and France.