



# Oxford Spires Academy

## Year 7 Humanities

Our ambition in Year 7 Humanities is to create a love of learning in general and of humanities in particular by giving students the opportunity to develop in a variety of different ways. We want to give them the opportunity to learn about new, important and exciting topics within humanities and to develop the core skills of independence, team work, creativity and literacy.

**Humanities Concepts** - Each topic has an overall question. Each lesson answers a sub question that allows students to build towards answering the overall question for the topic. Essays, formal tests and homework projects provide progress data each term.

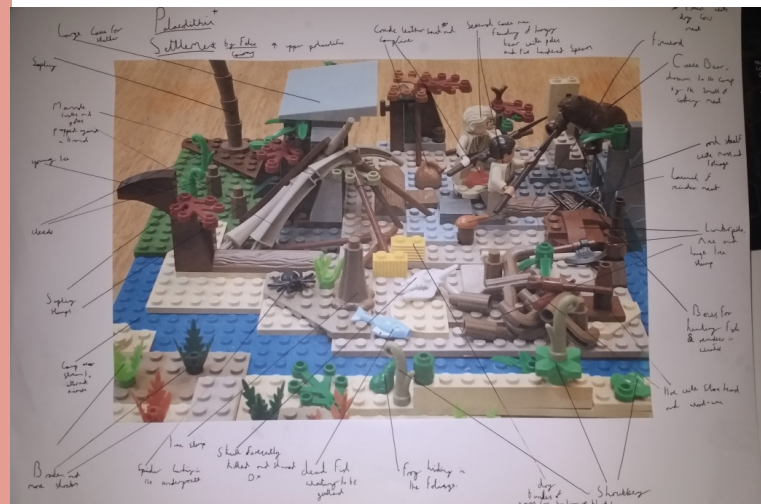
Students rotate humanities subjects throughout the year so they study two topics of history, geography and religious education. As well as engaging lessons, each term students have a long term homework project designed to be a meaningful extended piece of work that develops their creativity and independence which gives them a real sense of achievement.

Literacy skills are developed through extended writing in the form of essays and this is alternated each term with a knowledge test to help students improve their ability to memorise and recall factual information. Students also complete a group project in class each term which gives them the opportunity to choose a question about the topic to research and present. Students reflect on the process of learning and how to improve it.

We aim to develop students learning skills to provide a platform upon which to build towards future study at Key Stage 5 and beyond.

We are proud of the progress students make in humanities in relation to their subject knowledge, critical thinking skills, literacy, independent learning and creativity. We really love seeing the enjoyment they get from their learning.

We are constantly impressed by the imagination and hard work of the students and we see this really clearly in the amazing work they produce.



**“I like learning about early humans because it explains how we all got here” - Chloe White**

**“I like the homework because we get to design our work and present it in different ways” - Zara Hussain**

**“Humanities is really interesting because we are doing different activities when we learn” - Huzaiifa Ali**

