Opening Worlds Humanities SOW overview (Phased in 2021-2025)

		AUTUMN		SPRING		SUMMER	
Y2	H					**The Stone Age** How do we know about the Stone Age?	**The Neolithic revolution** What changed during the Neolithic Revolution?
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Y3	H	**Ancient Egypt** How much did Ancient Egypt change over time?	**Cradles of Civilisation** How similar and how different were **Ancient Egypt** and **Ancient Sumer**?	**Indus Valley Civilisation** How do we know about the Indus Valley civilisation?	**Persia and Greece** What did Greek city-states have in common?	**Ancient Greece** What can sources from Ancient Greece tell us?	**Alexander the Great** How did **Rome** become so powerful?
	G	**Rivers 1** What are the similarities and differences between the **River Severn** and the **River Indus**?	**Mountains** How do mountains interact with what is around them?	**Settlements and cities** How are settlements similar and different?	**Agriculture** How are we connected to farmers?	**Volcanoes** How do volcanoes affect a place?	**Climate and biomes** How does the climate affect the way people live?
	R	**Rama and Sita** What does the story of Rama and Sita mean to **Hindu** peoples?	**Origins:** Places and stories from the **Indus Valley** How do **Hindu** traditions and stories show us Hindu beliefs?	**Living as a Hindu** How can we learn about the lives and beliefs of Hindu people today?	**Judaism 1: Abraham to Jacob** Why is the Promised Land so important in Judaism?	**Judaism 2: Joseph to Moses** Why do Jews celebrate the festival of Passover?	**Judaism 3: Samuel, Saul, David & the Kingdom** How do Jews today show the importance of the Temple and the kingdom of Israel?
Y4	H	**The Roman Republic** How did Rome become so powerful?	**Roman Empire** What can sources reveal about Roman ways of life?	**Roman Britain** What changed in Roman Britain?	**Three changing Christian worlds: empire and religion (300-600CE)** How similar were Adulis, Rome and Constantinople?	**Islamic civilisations 1: Ancient Arabia, the rise of Islam and the Arab conquests** Why did Islam spread so far and so fast?	**Islamic civilisations 2: The Rise of Islam** How did worlds come together in Cordoba?
	G	**Rhine and Mediterranean** How do rivers affect the way people live?	**Population** How do populations differ from place to place?	**Coastal processes and landforms** How does the location of west Wales affect its coast?	**Tourism** How do tourists interact with a place?	**Earthquakes**. What are the pros and cons of living near a tectonic fault line?	**Deserts** Why are deserts located where they are?
	R	**Christianity 1: Family of Jesus** Why is the idea of 'Messiah' so important to Christians?	**Christianity 2: Birth of Jesus** How do Christians express their beliefs about Jesus at Christmas time?	**Christianity 3: Life and Teachings of Jesus** How does the life and teaching of Jesus affect the way in which Christians live?	**Christianity 4: Easter** What do the death and resurrection of Jesus mean in Christian traditions?	**Christian traditions and practices** How are Christians around the world similar and different?	**Christianity in London today** Where do we see Christianity in London?
Y5 203-24	H	**Islamic Civilisations 3** How was **Baghdad** connected with the rest of the world?	**Angles and Saxons** How do we know about the Anglo-Saxons in Britain?	**The Vikings** How did the Vikings change England?	**Norse culture** What does Beowulf have in common with stories from contrasting world civilisations?	**Christianity in the British Isles** How did Christianity change as it travelled?	**Early civilisations in the Americas** How do we know about the ancient civilisations of central America?
	G	**Why is California so thirsty?** How have the actions of people affected the drought in California?	**Oceans** How do oceans affect human behaviour and settlements?	**Migration in Europe and the world** Why do people migrate?	**North and South America** What are the pros and cons of living in a megacity?	**Amazon basin** In what ways does the geography of South America affect the Amazon?	**Agriculture in the Amazon basin** How is agriculture in the Amazon similar to and different from agriculture in the UK?
	R	**Islam 1** What do stories and sayings mean to Muslims?	**Islam 2** How do Muslim practices vary round the world?	**Islam 3** What do art, architecture, prayers and practices tell us about Muslim views of God?	**Buddhism** Hindu origins Links to ancient civilisations	**Buddhism** Stories Buddhism today	**Sikhism** Sikhism today
Y6 2 024-25	H	**London & migration through time 1** Medieval London (Saxons to 15th century) How did an historian uncover the hidden voices of Britain's black Tudors?	**London & migration through time 2** Tudor London Who were the Tudor Londoners? How much did London change between the Saxons & the 15th century?	**The kingdom of Benin** How do historians continue to build knowledge about Benin?	**London & migration through time 3** 17th century London How as London connected with Africa and Asia in the 17th century? Early colonialism. How did London change during the 17th century?	**London & migration through time 4** 18th & 19th century London & the world: How were powerful people in England involved in trade, colonialism, empire and the slave trade in these centuries? Liverpool slave trade links.	**Migration through time: two cities - Liverpool and London 5** Twentieth-century migrations. Diverse communities involved in war How did migration change Liverpool and London in the 20th century?
	G	**Compare three contrasting regions** How have people & place affected the settlements in Wales, the Mediterranean and the Amazon?	**Polar Regions** How do people live in polar climates?	**Place-based study** Natural resources in a UK city. How do people in this place use their natural resources?		**Y6 local fieldwork** Tasks deploying synthesis of all earlier knowledge. Map skills in action.	
	R	**Synoptic overview of the origins of two major families of religion** Abrahamic religions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam) & Dharmic religions (Hinduism, Buddhism & Sikhism).	**Changing religion in England over time** Christianity – splits and schisms	**Changing religion in England over time** Big picture: spread of religions linked to demographic change	**Changing religion in England over time** How and why did Jewish, Muslim and Christian art and architecture come together in the Royal Palace of the Kings of Sicily?	**Deepening understanding of religious traditions through religious art, music and literature** A term-long project to be planned with focus on traditions ancient/ modern in Christian, Hindu and Muslim art, music & poetry How do the arts relate to worship in these traditions?	

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