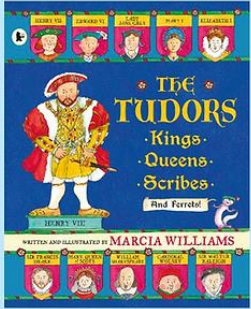
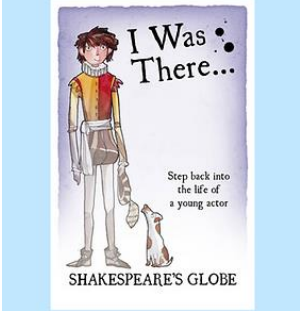
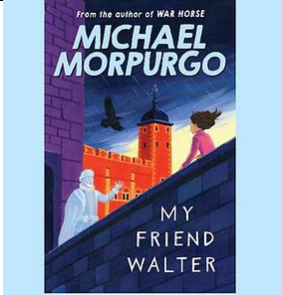
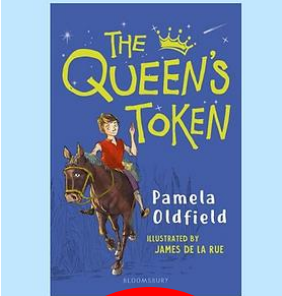
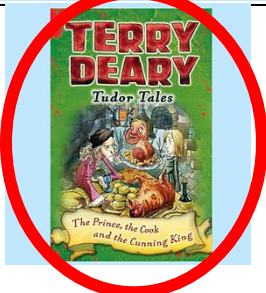


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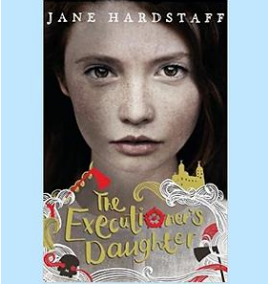
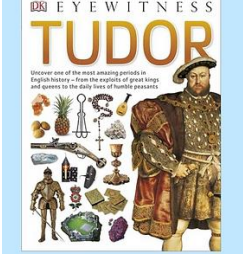
### Tudors

	<p>Most suitable for <b>upper KS2</b>, Berlie Doherty offers a tensely dramatic tale with plenty of detail to explore about Tudor life. Set in the time of Henry VIII, this story explores the high tensions around religion and politics in this era as well as opening discussions about the power of the monarchy.</p> <p><b>Chapter book</b></p>
	<p>Cat Sparrow lives in Tudor England during the reign of King Henry VIII. When her sister Meg is taken away by a strange figure, Cat sets out on a quest to find her. Living with a learning difficulty in a Tudor world means that Cat is often perceived by others as a 'half-wit'. With the help of a young actor, called Jacques, who has his own quest to complete, Cat embarks upon her quest and ends up joining a travelling troupe before joining Katherine of Aragon's court as the queen's fool. With plenty of historical details as well as everything you'd hope for in a Tudor adventure, from plots and perils to tournaments and feasts, this story offers fresh perspective into life during the Tudor period.</p>
	<p>Part of Philip Ardagh's popular 'The Secret Diary of...' series, this is highly entertaining historical fiction for a young audience, bringing a place, a time and a way of life alive for its readers. This one focuses on Thomas Snoop, a trainee spy looking to uncover Tudor traitors making plots against the king.</p>
	<p>Part of the 'Voices' series, which celebrates the experiences of BAME figures in British history, Diver's Daughter gives a unique perspective into life in Tudor times. Eve and her mother start the story in South London. Eve's mother was stolen from Mozambique as a child and the story offers insight into the lives of black families in England during this time. Patrice Lawrence paints a vivid picture of life within the cramped and dirty London streets, which transports the reader into Tudor times. The action moves from London to the South Coast and brings in the story of the sinking of the Mary Rose, as well as the fascinating lives of the divers who went to search for its treasures.</p>

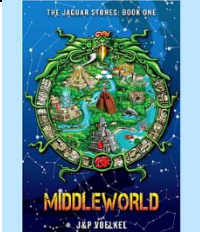
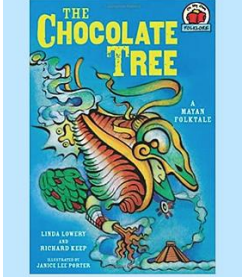
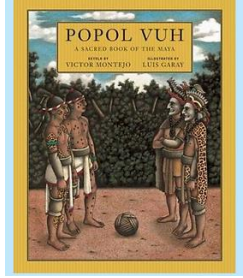
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	<p>Retelling key events from Tudor history in an accessible way, pupils will enjoy looking over this book time and time again. The historical tales are retold in Marcia Williams' distinctive comic book style, with speech bubbles and many humorous details in both the text and illustrations that pupils will love. Topics include the Wars of the Roses, the Spanish Armada, Christopher Columbus's voyage to America and Henry VIII's many marriages.</p>
	<p>This short novel follows the exciting story of a young boy actor who was part of Shakespeare's own theatre company. Written from the first-person perspective, the text helps children to imagine what it was like to live in Shakespeare's times and be part of his plays in their original productions.</p>
	<p>Award-winning children's author Michael Morpurgo brings past and present together when Tudor explorer Sir Walter Raleigh visits a modern day family as a ghost. A good text to choose for making past-and-present comparisons as well as for learning more about the figure of Sir Walter Raleigh and his legacy.</p>
	<p>An illustrated Tudor story accessible to most readers in lower KS2, providing a lighter read than some of the other children's novels based on this topic. Stable boy Hal longs to work at King Henry's palace, but his dreams appear to be dashed when he gets accused of being a spy.</p>
	<p>From the author of the popular Horrible Histories, this book is part of the 'Tudor Tales' series. The story is about a young boy who dares to challenge King Henry VII's claim to the throne. The text, which is accompanied by fun illustrations, is easily accessible to most pupils.</p>

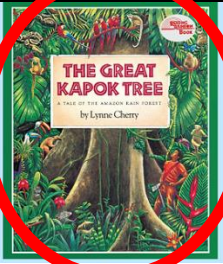
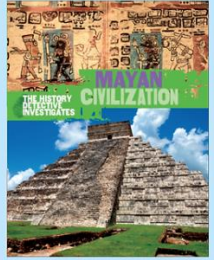
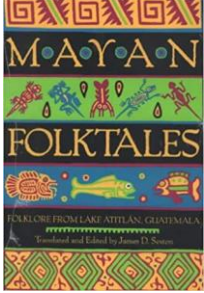
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	<p>Moss is the daughter of a Tudor executioner in the Tower of London and her job is to hold a basket to catch the heads of people as they are executed. When Moss escapes, she finds herself in an identity quest that will uncover surprising truths. An exciting and challenging read suitable for readers in Upper KS2 who are able to handle some gruesome details and emotive content.</p>
	<p>The ultimate DK eyewitness guide to all things Tudor. With photographs, timelines and plenty of facts, this is non-fiction guide is essential for KS2 classrooms exploring the Tudor topic.</p>

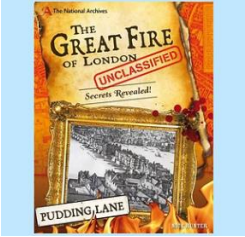
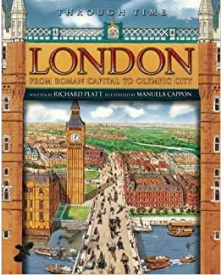
## Maya

	<p>An action-packed and thoroughly researched adventure novel filled with suspense and excitement, with a good level of depth for upper KS2. This book, which is the first in a popular series, tells the story of fourteen-year-old Max, who finds himself on a quest to rescue his archaeologist parents from the Maya underworld and to save the world from the Lords of Death.</p>
	<p>This is a popular choice of a story based on Mayan folktale for KS2, and is useful as an enjoyable basis for exploring Mayan folklore rather than for looking at historical details with accuracy. It tells the tale of the Mayan king who brings his people the gift of a chocolate tree, much to the displeasure of his brother, Night Jaguar, who plots to rid the people of this special treat and keep it for the gods. The Chocolate Tree has a high appeal to lower KS2 because of its accessible text, fun premise and bold illustrations</p>
	<p>This is a children's retelling of a Mayan sacred book that explains key creation myths including of the coming into being of the universe, the world of Mayan gods and demi-gods and the creation of human beings. Ideal as a story collection to be dipped into with Upper KS2, this richly illustrated book gives an insight into the fascinating world of Mayan mythology.</p>

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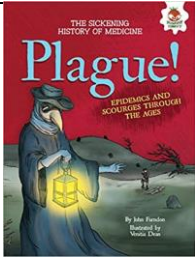
	<p>The Ancient Maya believed that the Kapok tree was sacred. Although this story does not directly mention the Maya, it centres around the fate of a Kapok tree in the Amazon rainforest and for this reason many teachers use this popular text alongside their Maya topic. This is a colourful and engaging picture book that captures the spirit of the rainforest through its beautifully detailed illustrations. It has a simple story line that is accessible to less confident readers but a strong message about deforestation and enough depth to captivate older readers too.</p>
	<p>This jam-packed information text is written especially for the UK National Curriculum and answers a range of questions about the Mayan Civilization. Topics in The History Detective Investigates: Mayan Civilization include Mayan cities, kings, pyramids and food.</p>
	<p>Originally published in 1992 by Anchor Press, this translated and edited collection of folklore offers a panorama of Mayan mythic heritage. These legends narrate origin and creation stories, explain the natural world and reinforce cultural belief and values such as honesty, sharing, fairness, ability and industriousness.</p>

## London through the Ages

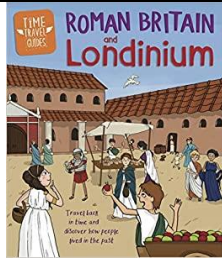
	<p>An exciting non-fiction text that will capture pupils' interest through its quest to find the real story behind the Great Fire. <b>The Great Fire of London Unclassified</b> is a popular choice for guided reading, especially for those looking for a text with a less 'cartoony' feel to it than most of the other non-fiction options for this topic.</p>
	<p>This series offers a unique journey through different periods in history. Detailed artworks tell the story of a specific location as it changes with time. As they explore each scene, readers learn about the people who lived in this place, looking at their beliefs and way of life. <b>Through Time: London</b> follows the story of the historic capital from its Celtic origins right up to the present - including the settlement of the Romans, the Anglo-Saxon era, the Viking invasion, and the growth of medieval London in Norman times. Along the way, the book explores major events in</p>



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	London's history, such as the plague, the Great Fire and the Blitz of World War II.
	A simple, friendly first history series that takes a close look at some key events and personalities through history and reveals how and why they are still important to us today. Each book uses a rich variety of historical sources, from diaries to paintings, to bring events to life, while simple historical vocabulary is introduced and explained.
	Being sick is horrible. But it used to be worse. Inside this book, you'll see evidence of the plagues of the past--rotting skin, dissolving lungs, and sinister swelling all over the body. Diseases like the Black Death wiped out whole towns and villages. Tuberculosis consumed young people like a bloodsucking vampire. And Smallpox left its victims scarred for life--if they survived. At the time, no one knew where these killer diseases came from or how to treat them. But eventually doctors discovered how these diseases and others were spread. Being sick isn't quite as sickening as it was in the past!
	London is in the grip of a terrible plague and Daniel has been locked in his own home, doomed to die alongside his infected family. Can he find a way to escape before he catches the disease, too? And with the streets full of criminals and corrupt plague doctors, who can he turn to if he does? A thrilling story about a young boy's fight to stay alive during one of history's deadliest epidemics.
	Think of the street you live on. Now think of how it may have looked in the Stone Age in 10,000 BCE, or in Victorian times during the Industrial Revolution, or how it may look 50 years from now. <i>A Street Through Time</i> takes you on a time-travelling journey that you won't forget. Highly detailed illustrations bring 15 key periods in time to life. You will see magnificent buildings go up and come down, new churches built on the site of ancient temples, wooden bridges destroyed and then remade in stone, and statues demolished then unearthed many years later. You'll find out how people lived long ago - the tools they used, what they wore and what they did all day. Revised and updated for a new generation, <i>A Street Through Time</i> now includes a look at the street 50 years in the future.

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Like modern travel guides, the books in this series highlight must-see features of each location and explain local culture. Each highlighted destination contains an explanation of what took part in these areas, and looks at important artefacts found there providing a bigger picture of life in the past. Typical travel guide notes include: 'best time to visit', 'what to eat' and 'where to stay'. Perfect for the KS2 history curriculum.