

## **The Hamble River Activity Book**

The Hamble River booklet is aimed at KS2 (Years 3-7) and KS3 (Years 7-9) pupils. The booklet is divided in nine sections to cover all historical periods, from Prehistory to the Modern times. To complete some of the activities in it, pupils are encouraged to walk along the Hamble River (supervised by an adult) to experience the landscape and archaeology first hand. They are asked to bring with them a notebook to note down all their impressions and experiences, as well as record their findings on a map and complete Archaeological Recording Sheets. These activities will give them an insight on how archaeologists work (meeting the target outlined in the History curriculum) and push them to “use a range of techniques to record their observation in sketchbooks, journals and other media as a basis for exploring their ideas” a KS3 Art and Design curriculum requirement. Overall, the booklet reflects the KS2 and KS3 History requirement of exploring the history of the UK “as a coherent, chronological narrative, from the earliest times to the present day” to understand “how people’s lives have shaped this nation and how Britain has influenced and been influenced by the wider world”. Through the various sections pupils will become familiar with the events shaping the history of the Hamble River and how they relate to the wider history of the United Kingdom and the rest of the world. Each period is presented through the description of some artefacts found in the River. This will give pupils an insight on how history is studied based on a range of different sources and how they can be interpreted differently resulting in various reconstructions of the past (this meets a requirement in the History curriculum). Pupils will also learn new terminology connected to the tools used by archaeologists, as well as technical terms to describe ship’s components and features. They will also be encouraged to reflect on the evolution of some artefacts through time, including bridges and boats.

The booklet covers all historical periods required by both the KS2 and KS3 History curriculum, while also presenting a local history case study.