



VSH Update

Wishing you and your young people the best for the summer holidays

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“ Welcome to the July edition of *VSH Update*. This month we’re happy to announce that our new history publications have been released, and with the school year now over we think they’re a great way to continue young people’s engagement with learning and encourage creativity. ”

Rachel Maton, Editor

Bringing history to life

After much work over the past year we are pleased to say that this month our four history publications have been released to *MyLibrary*. Covering ancient Greece, Roman Britain, the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings, children’s author Stewart Ross infuses these publications with his characteristic enthusiasm and charisma.

The publications explore the key events, famous characters, day-to-day life and legacy of each era in line with the KS2 curriculum, and can equally be used as interesting additional material for older readers. Each is full of quizzes, an interactive glossary and creative activities to encourage imaginative, hands-on and independent learning.

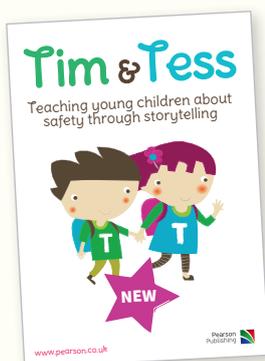
The Anglo-Saxons and *The Vikings* also include audio recordings of Old English and Old Norse, spoken by Dr Richard Dance and Dr Brittany Schorn from the University of Cambridge, giving readers an insight into how tales such as *Beowulf* would have been told at the time.



These resources can offer useful educational support for young people over the summer holidays by keeping them engaged with education in a fun and exciting way.

See pearson.co.uk/history for more information and a free preview.

Coming soon: Tim & Tess teach safeguarding



We’ve been working on our upcoming publication *Tim & Tess: Safeguarding Stories*, which introduces Early Years and KS1 pupils to a variety of safeguarding issues. The stories can be used to engage children in discussions about stranger danger and bullying which they may experience at school, online or when they’re out and about. The stories follow Tim, Tess and Wizz Away the wizard, and provide a fun way for children to learn about important issues. Colourful images and audio story-telling mean the resource is great for younger children.

This publication is part of our wider aim to expand the resources we offer Early Years and KS1 pupils. We are currently working on several other such publications that will provide fun and informative reading material for young people.



Featured publication

Social Needs

With the summer holidays comes the chance to relax, but for Virtual School staff it is also a good time to consider how to enhance the support they offer children. A good place to start is our publication *Social Needs*, which provides a thorough overview of many issues that children may face.

Social Needs is a short course providing information on a wide range of social issues, helping staff to reflect on the ways they can support the children in their care. It includes guidance on CLA and adoption, friendships, transitions, gender identity, bullying and abuse. It also provides an expansive and invaluable list of online resources, making it a useful reference source.

Social Needs is available as part of the *CPD Library* and is part of a series of titles including *Family Issues*, *Learning Needs*, *Medical Conditions* and *Mental Health*. More information can be found at www.pearson.co.uk/social-needs.



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