Knowledge Organiser – Topic One: Medieval Medicine 1250-1500

Me	dieval Britain	1 [
1	Medieval Britain is the period between 1250-1500 also	1 [
	known as the 13 th -16 th century or the Middle Ages.	
Key	/ events	1 [
2	1123 Britain's first hospital, St Bartholomew's was set up in	11
	London	
3	1350 Average life expectancy is 35 years of age	1
4	1348-49 The Black Death kills 1/3 of England's population	1
5	1388 Parliament passes the first law requiring streets and	1
	rivers to be kept clean by the people	
Key	y Concepts	1
6	The Medieval Church – The official religion of medieval	1
	Britain was Roman Catholic. Daily life and power was	
	dominated by the Church, they controlled education and	
	many people feared God.	
7	The Four Humours. First suggested by Greek doctor	1
	Hippocrates. Black Bile, Yellow Bile, Blood and Phlegm.	
	These humours linked to elements and seasons. Hippocrates	
	believed that if these humours became unbalanced you	
	would get ill. To get better, you needed to balance them.	
	Galen, a Greek doctor working in Rome continued the	
	theory and added his own ideas. His 'Theory of Opposites'	
	to heal illness suggested using hot to cure cold.	
8	Medieval Power The emphasis in Medieval Britain was on	
	authority. The King had total power, but the Church had	╎╎
	considerable control. People followed authority and would	
	not question the views of King/Church as it would mean	
	risking their lives.	

Key	Key Words		
9	Superstition	A belief, not based on knowledge, but on the	
		supernatural. For example witchcraft or	
		astrology	
10	Purging	To rid the body of an 'excess' like blood or vomit	
11	Leeching	The use of leeches for bloodletting	
12	Cupping	Using glass cups to draw blood to the surface	
13	Fasting	To avoid eating or drinking	
14	Pilgrimage	A journey to a religious shrine and relics to	
		show your love of God and to cure an illness	
15	Mass	Public worship in the Roman Catholic Church	
16	Astrology	Study of the planets and their effect on humans	
17	Miasma	Bad air which was blamed for spreading disease	
18	Apothecary	A medieval pharmacist or chemist	
19	Wise Woman	A female healer, who used folk medicine and	
		herbal remedies to cure illnesses.	
20	Vademecum	A medieval medical book carried by doctors	
21	Urine Chart	Used to examine urine to define an illness	
22	Physician	A male medically trained doctor	
23	Barber	Untrained surgeon, who practiced basic surgery	
	Surgeon		
24	Dissection	To cut open a human and examine the insides	
25	Epidemic	A widespread outbreak of a disease	
26	Trepanning	Cutting a hole in the skull	
27	Amulet	A charm that bought protection from disease	
28	Black Death	A term to describe the bubonic plague	
29	Monastery	A building where monks live, eat and pray	

Knowledge Organiser – Topic Two: The Medical Renaissance in England, 1500-1700

Rena	Renaissance England		
1	The Renaissance was the period between 1500-1700 in		
	England. Art and Science were growing in importance.		
Key	Key events		
2	1543 – Vesalius published The Fabric of the Human Body. It		
	showed how the human body worked.		
3	1565 – the first dissection was carried out in Cambridge		
4	1628 Harvey published his book <i>An Anatomical Account of</i>		
	the Motion of the Heart and Blood which showed blood		
	moving around the body		
5	1645 – The first meeting of the Royal Society		
6	1665 The Great Plague in London. 75,000 died		
Key	ey Concepts		
7	The King – Despite some scientific developments, people		
	still believed that the King could cure diseases such as		
	scrofula (a skin disease). Being touched by the King was as		
	close as you could get to being touched by God.		
8	Renaissance – this was a time of change (re-birth) when		
	people became interested in all things Greek and Roman.		
	Printing was developed so that books could be published		
	(e.g. Galen, Vesalius). People realised the Greeks had loved		
	enquiry – asking questions and challenging old ideas. They		
	started to do the same – e.g challenging Galen's theories		
9	Evidence – rather than believing & accepting old ideas (e.g.		
	The Four Humours) without question, scientists and doctors		
	were more willing to experiment (e.g. dissecting bodies) to		
	make scientific discoveries. People started to look to		
	evidence over tradition		

Кеу	Key Words		
10	Continuity	Things or ideas that stayed the same over time	
11	London	A medicine that was solve to cure the Plague. It	
	Treacle	contained herbs, spices, honey and opium	
12	Autopsy	Dissecting a body after someone has died to	
		establish cause of death	
13	Diagnosing	Finding out what disease someone has by e.g.	
		taking their pulse and observing the patient	
14	Royal Society	A group of people interested in science who	
		met weekly. They had a laboratory with	
		microscopes. King Charles II was a patron.	
15	Anatomy	The study of the human body and how it works	
16	Physiology	The workings of the body	
17	Microscope	A new invention that allowed things to be	
		magnified	
18	Thermometer	A new invention that allowed someone's	
		temperature to be taken	
19	Mortality Bill	A document in each parish which recorded who	
		had died and what had killed them.	
20	Pesthouse	A hospital for people suffering from infectious	
		diseases, e.g the Plague.	
21	Printing	The process of creating a book. This was	
		developed during the Renaissance	

Knowledge Organiser – Topic Three: Medicine in 18th and 19th century Britain

18 th and 19 th century Britain			
1	This was a time of breakthroughs in medicine in England.		
	There were many scientific discoveries but also many Public		
	Health problems.		
Key	Key events		
2	1798 – Edward Jenner developed the first vaccine for		
	Smallpox		
3	1847 – James Simpson developed chloroform as an		
	anaesthetic		
4	1854 – John Snow's maps proved the source of cholera		
5	1861 – Louis Pasteur's germ theory was published		
6	1867- Lister used antiseptic to prevent infection		
7	1875 – The Public Health Act. Local councils had to provide		
	sewers, drainage and fresh water as well as medical officers		
8	1882 Robert Koch identified bacteria that caused specific		
	diseases		
Key	Concepts		
9	Nursing – Nurses are responsible for the care of patients in		
	hospital. Before 1800, hospitals were dangerous places		
	where death was very likely. The development of nursing		
	changed that.		
10	Breakthrough – a scientific discovery that dramatically alters		
	the way people understood disease – e.g. the discovery of		
	bacteria. This then helps the problem to be solved.		
11	Public Health – when the government takes measures to		
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	prevent diseases spreading and to help the population		
	become healthier. The government increasingly took on this		
	role after the development of germ theory		

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Key	Words	
12	Vaccine	The injection into the body of killed or weakened
		organisms to give the body resistance against
		disease
13	Smallpox	A dangerous disease causing fever that was beaten
		by vaccination
14	Anaesthetic	Drugs given to make someone unconscious before
		or after surgery
15	Infection	The formation of disease causing germs
16	Cholera	A bacterial infection caused by drinking water
17	Germ	The theory that germs cause disease
	Theory	
18	Antiseptic	Chemicals used to destroy bacteria and prevent
		infection
19	Medical	A person appointed to look after the public health
	Officer	of an area
20	Contagion	The passing of disease from one person to another
21	Epidemic	A widespread outbreak of a disease
22	Sanitation	Providing disposal of human waste and dispensing
		clean water to improve public health
23	Workhouse	Accommodation for poor people who could not
	s	afford to pay for rent and food.
24	Dispensary	A place where medicines are given out
25	Voluntary	Hospitals supported by charitable donations
	hospital	
26	Chloroform	A liquid whose vapour acts as an anaesthetic and
		produces unconsciousness
27	Industrial	A period of British history when industries (e.g.
	Revolution	coal, steel) transformed society

Knowledge Organiser – Topic Four: Medicine in modern Britain, 1900-Present

Modern Britain			
1	From 1900-Present, there have been massive changes in		
	medicine and treatment		
Key	Key events		
2	1900 – life expectancy was still below 50 years of age		
3	1911 – National Insurance Bill introduced – gave help if workers were sick or unemployed		
4	1914-1918 World War One leads to developments in surgery and treatment		
5	1928 – Fleming discovered penicillin		
6	1938 – Florey and Chain developed use of penicillin		
7	1948 – The NHS begins following the Beveridge report (1942)		
8	1953 – Crick and Watson discovered the structure of DNA		
Key	Key Concepts		
9	War – World War One and World War Two forced		
	developments in treatment and surgery – e.g. plastic surgery		
	and the use of antibiotics in WW2.		
10	Technology – huge improvements in technology greatly		
	improved the understanding and treatment of disease – e.g.		
	X-ray, DNA, Pacemakers, dialysis and keyhole surgery		
11	National Health Service - After WW2, the government		
	introduced the NHS in 1948. This offered free healthcare at		
	the point of delivery. The expansion of who could vote and		
	the shared experience of suffering in WW2 bought about		
	this development.		

Key	Key Words		
12	X-Ray	Technology using particular light rays . Used	
		in WW1 to locate bullets in the body.	
13	Transplant	When a faulty or damaged organ (e.g. liver) is	
		swapped with a healthy one through surgery	
14	Radiotheraphy	Treatment of a disease, such as cancer, by the	
	/Chemotherapy	use of chemicals	
15	Superbugs	Bacteria that are not affected/destroyed by	
		antibiotics or cleaning	
16	Gene therapy	Medical treatment using normal genes to	
		replace defective ones.	
17	Dialysis	Technology that replicates the function of the	
		kidneys	
18	Polio	A contagious disease that can cause paralysis	
		and death	
19	Penicillin	The first antibiotic drug produced from the	
		mould of penicillin to treat infections	
20	Pacemaker	Implanted technology that regulates	
		heartbeat	
21	Antibiotics	A drug made from bacteria that kill other	
		bacteria and so cure an infection or illness	
22	Magic bullets	A chemical that kills a particular bacteria and	
		nothing else	
23	Electron	Developed 1931. Allows doctors to see cells	
	microscope	in fine detail.	
24	DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid, the molecule that	
		genes are made of	
25	Cancer	A group of related diseases. Cells divide and	
		spread into the surrounding tissue.	