



Key Vocabulary

Agriculture – the growing of food

Crop rotation – a farming method in which the farmer changes the type of crop grown in each field each growing season

Drill – a seed planting machine

Enclosure movement – the switch from having large farms instead of small ones

Agricultural revolution – the change from a wandering lifestyle to a settled lifestyle based on farming

Industrial revolution – the switch to using machines rather than humans/animals to perform tasks

Reaper – harvesting machine

Fens – marshy land in East Anglia that has been drained

Reclamation – taking the land back from being under the sea

Plough - a farm tool for loosening or turning the soil before sowing seed or planting

Agricultural machinery – devices used in farming to speed up the process/make the process less work-intensive

By the end of this topic, you will know:

- How the Fens were formed
- How farming changed over time
- The cycle of crop planting
- The impact the Agricultural Revolution had on British people
- Where the Agricultural Revolution fits in with British and worldwide chronology



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