

History Whole School Overview 2023-2024

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Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2	
Right of the month	September: Article 28 – the right to learn and go to school October: Article 12 – the right to be listened to	November: Article 19 – the right not to be harmed and to be looked after and kept safe December: Article 13 – the right to follow your own religion	January: Article 29 — the right to become the best you can be February: Article 42 — the right to learn about your rights	March: Article 7 – the right to a name and a nationality April: Article 24 – the right to food, water and medical care	April: Article 24 – the right to food, water and medical care May: Article 20 – the right to practice your own culture, language and religion	June: Article 22 – the right to special protection and help if you are a refugee July: Article 31 – the right to play and rest	
Skill of the month	September: Listening October: Speaking	November: Teamwork December: GLOBAL GOALS	January: Problem Solving February: Staying Positive	March: Creativity April: GLOBAL GOALS	April: GLOBAL GOALS May: Aiming High	June: Leadership July: GLOBAL GOALS	
Whole school days/events linked to History		St Andrew's Day Armistice Day Human Rights Day	St Patrick's Day Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	St David's Day	St George's Day International Museums Day	Windrush Day Nelson Mandela Day	
Nursery	Understanding the World Understand their place in the world: special photos, memories, comparing baby photos to now, sequencing events					sequencing events	
Reception	Understanding the World Developing understanding of past and present: timelines calendars, transitions, schools in the past, comparing Nursery with Reception, families, celebrations in the past, changing seasons, historical events and figures in stories						
Year 1	Familiar timelines Daily timetable Events in my life Timeline of a story Stairwell timeline Family Tree				Timelines: significance; what's the same; what's different? Develop an awareness of the past through changes in methods of communication over time.		

	 	The Device of D. S. C.
		The Romans in Britain
		Who were the Romans?
Year 2		Why did the Romans invade and defeat the Celts?
		What was life like for Romans in Britain?
		What did the Romans do for us?
	The Normans	
	How did the Norman Invasion	
	change British society?	
Year 3	The Battle of Hastings - why?	
	What was life like under Norman	
	rule?	
	What did the Normans do for us?	
	The Tudors	
	How did the Tudors come to	
	power?	
	How did the Wars of the Roses,	
	Battle of Bosworth and sea	
Year 4	exploration change Britain?	The Kingdom of Benin
icai 4	Why did Henry VIII create the	Study in relation to Geography topic on Africa
	Church of England?	
	What was life like in Tudor	
	Britain?	
	What was the impact of the	
	Tudor dynasty?	
	The Victorians	
	How did industry and technology	
	change?	
	Why and how did children's	
Year 5	welfare change? Why and how	
	did women's rights change? Why	
	and how did the rights of	
	Enslaved Africans change?	
	What was the same / different	
	about life then and now?	
	What did the Victorians do for	
	us?	

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		World War 1
		How did relationships between countries change in the lead
		up to WW1?
		What caused WW1?
		How did life change at home? What was life like in the
		trenches? What was the impact of WW1?
		What were the key events during WW1?
	Year 6	World War 2
		How did relationships between countries change in the lead
		up to WW2?
		What caused WW2?
		How did life change at home? What was life like in London?
		What was life like in Nazi occupied countries?
		What were key events during WW2? What was the impact of
		WW2? What can we learn from significant figures who were
		alive during WW2?

History Knowledge and Skills Progression EYFS - Year 6 2023-2024

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	KEY HISTORICAL CONCEPTS	SUBJECT KNOWLEDGE/CONTENT		HISTORICAL ENQUIRY AND INTERPRETATION	VOCABULARY
Understanding the World Aim	Emergent Chronological Understanding	 talk about the lives of people around them and their roles in know some similarities and differences between things in the now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read understand the past through settings, characters and events in books read in class and storytelling. 	Listen to a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems to foster understanding of our culturally, socially and ecologically diverse world.	Extend familiarity with words that support understanding across domains.	
KS1 & KS2 National Curriculum Aim	Understanding of historical concepts such as continuity and change, cause and consequence, similarity, difference and significance, enables children to use them to make connections, draw contrasts, analyse trends, frame historically-valid questions, and create their own structured accounts, including written narratives and analyses	 the history of these islands as a coherent, chronological narrative, from the earliest times to the present day; and how people's lives have shaped this nation and how Britain has influenced and been influenced by the wider world. 		Pupils understand the methods of historical enquiry, including how evidence is used rigorously to make historical claims, and discern how and why contrasting arguments and interpretations of the past have been constructed	Pupils gain and deploy a historically grounded understanding of abstract terms such as 'empire', civilisation, 'parliament', and 'peasantry'.
EYFS Subject Content (see termly plans for core texts)	1. Continuity and change: Look closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change; Develop understanding of changes over time 2. Cause and consequence: Question why things happen and give explanations	Nursery Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history	Understand their place in the world: special photos, memories, comparing baby photos to now,	Answer 'how' and 'why' questions in response to stories or events. Be curious about people and show interest in stories	Extend familiarity with words by listening to a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems Use common words and phrases relating to the passing of time (KS1 objective)

	3. Similarity/Difference: Know about similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families, communities and traditions 4. Significance: Recognise and describe special times or events for family or friends	Reception Comment on images of familiar situations in the past. Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past. Key questions 1. How have I changed since I was a baby? 2. Why do we wear different clothes at different times of the year? 3. and 4. What are our favourite celebrations each year? Year 1: Personal Timelines and Past inventions	sequencing events Developing understanding of past and present: timelines calendars, transitions, schools in the past, comparing Nursery with Reception, families, celebrations in the past, changing seasons Develop an	Explain own knowledge and understanding and ask appropriate questions. Know that information can be retrieved from books and computers	Use common words
KS1	Identify similarities / differences	1. What does 'in the past' mean?	awareness of	questions	and phrases relating to
core texts:	between ways of life at different times	2. How and why have we changed over time?3. What's the same, what's different?	the past	Understand some	the passing of time
Black and British: An		4. Why is documenting events in this way useful?	Know where	ways we find out	Use a wide vocabulary
Illustrated History by	2. Cause and consequence:	,	all	about the past	of everyday historical
David Olusoga	Recognise why people did things,		people/events		terms
	why events happened and what		studied fit into	Find out about the	
Empire's End: A	happened as a result		a	past from a range of	
Roman Story by Leila	2 6: 11 11 /016	Year 2: The Romans	chronological	sources	
Rasheed	3. Similarity/Difference:	1. Why did the Romans defeat the Celts?	framework		
Once they were	Make simple observations about	2. Why did the Romans invade Britain?	Identify	Choose and use parts of stories and other	
Once they were Giants by Martin	different types of people, events, beliefs within a society	3. What was it like to be a Roman in Britain?	Identify similarities/dif	sources to show	
Waddell	beliefs within a society	4. What did the Romans leave behind that we still use today? / What did the Romans do for us?	ferences	understanding (of	
vvaducii	4. Significance:	what did the Komans do for us:	between	key concepts)	
	Talk about who or what was		periods	ncy concepts)	
	important e.g. in a simple		F		
	historical account				

	1. Continuity and change: Describe / make links between main events, situations and changes within and across different periods/societies 2. Cause and consequence:	Year 3: The Normans 1. How did the Norman Invasion change British society? 2. Why did The Battle of Hastings arise? 3. What was life like under Norman rule? 4. What did the Normans do for us?	chronologicall y secure knowledge of history and establish clear	and sometimes devise historically valid questions Understand how knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources Construct informed	Develop the appropriate use of historical terms
KS2 core texts: Black and British: An	Identify and give reasons for, results of historical events, situations, changes 3. Similarity/Difference: Describe social, cultural, religious	Year 4: The Tudors 1. How did the Tudors come to power? How did the Wars of the Roses change Britain? Why were Lanc/Yorks feuding? What were the effects of Bosworth? How did sea exploration change Britain? 2. Why did Henry VIII create the Church of England?	narratives within and across periods studied Note		
Illustrated History by David Olusoga Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo	and ethnic diversity in Britain and the wider world 4. Significance: Identify historically significant people and	3. What was life like in Tudor Britain? 4. What was the impact of the Tudor dynasty? Year 5: The Victorians 1. How did industry and technology change? 2. Why and how did children's welfare change? Why and how did	connections, contrasts and trends over time	responses by selecting and organising relevant historical information	
Now or Never: A Dunkirk Story by Bali Rai	events in situations	women's rights change? Why and how did the rights of Enslaved Africans change? 3. What was the same / different about life then and now? 4. What did the Victorians do for us? Year 6: World War I and World War II			
Diver's Daughter: A Tudor Story by Patrice Lawrence The Illustrated Tales		 How did relationships between countries change in the lead up to WW1? What caused WW1? How did life change at home? What was life like in the trenches? 			
of King Arthur by Sarah Coutauld		What was the impact of WW1?4. What were the key events during WW1?1. How did relationships between countries change in the lead up to WW2?			
		 2. What caused WW2? 3. How did life change at home? What was life like in London? What was life like in Nazi occupied countries? 4. What were key events during WW2? What was the impact of WW2? What can we learn from significant figures who were alive during WW2? 			