History Curriculum



EYFS:

Understanding the world: Past and	Development Matters	Activities throughout the year
Present		
As children learn about the world around them they	Begin to make sense of their own life-story and	Our family
find out about the past through talking to parents,	family's history.	Growing up
grandparents and friends and they develop an interest		Life events
in their own story as well as the stories in their family	Comment on images of familiar situations in the past.	Remembrance Day
- this is the beginning of developing an understanding		Diwali
of the past and helps them to learn about how other	Compare and contrast characters from stories,	The first Christmas
people are different from them, yet share some of the	including figures from the past.	Toys; Old and New
same characteristics and ideas.		The Royal Family
	Talk about the lives of people around them and their	Famous People from the past- Thomas Edison, Martin
	roles in society.	Luther King Jr.
	Know some similarities and differences between	
	things in the past and now, drawing on their	
	experiences and what has been read in class.	
	Understand the past through settings, characters and	
	events encountered in books read in class and	
	storytelling	

Year Group	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 1	Key question- What's my history?	Key question- What toys did children used to	Key question- Why is Rosa Parks important?
	*Understand the changes that have taken	play with?	*Understand what makes a person significant
	place in living memory.	*Understand the changes in living memory.	*Know who Rosa Parks is and what she did
	*Understand their own family history	*Develop a chronological understanding of	*Understand why Rosa Parks chose to stand up
	*Use chronological language – before after,	how toys have changed over time.	for herself
	when I was a baby	*Understand that toys were made out of	*Understand that Rosa Parks stood up for her
	*Understand that children have had	different materials from a long time ago.	rights/equality
	changes in their lives (baby to toddler to	*Know that toys within our lifetime have	*Understand that this impacted on others – why
	school starter)	become more electronic based	we still talk about her today.
	*understand their own history		
	Key question- What caused the Great Fire	Key question- Who achieved the most,	Key question- Who are the heroes of
	of London?	Columbus or Armstrong?	Manchester?
	*Know when the Great Fire of London	*know who Christopher Columbus was and	*Know who Emmeline Pankhurst is
	happened	when he lived and why he is famous	*Know why Emmeline Pankhurst is famous
	*Understand the chronology of the fire	*Understand what an explorer is	*Understand why Emmeline Pankhurst
	including events up to and after the fire	*Know who Neil Armstrong was, when he	campaigned for us
Year 2	* Know who Samuel Pepys was and why he	lived and why he is famous	*Know how and why Manchester has changed
	is important.	*Understand both men had made great	over time
	*Use different sources to find out	achievements	
	information about the fire	*Know the contributions both men made to	
	*Make comparisons between different	national and international achievements	
	perspectives of the fire	*Use evidence to make a decision over who	
		achieved the most.	
Year 3	Key question- How have weapons changed	Key question- What are the Egyptian's	Key question- Why were the Romans so
	over time?	greatest achievements?	powerful?
	*Understand how Britain changed from the	*Know who the ancient Egyptians were,	*Know who the Romans were and where they
	Stone Age to the Iron Age	when and where they lived	came from
	*Know that the Stone Age to Iron Age was	*Understand what life was like for the	*Understand that the Romans conquered many
	10,000 years	Egyptians	countries and had a large Empire
	*Know that each time period used different	*Know that the pyramids were a great	*Understand that the Romans had a powerful
	materials	achievement	army
	*Understand why each time period used	*Understand the chronology of the Ancient	*Know that it took several attempts before the
	different materials	Egyptians	Romans successfully conquered Britain
	*Make comparisons with how we live today		

Year 4	Key question- Why did the Anglo-Saxons invade and settle in the UK? *Understand that the Romans withdrew from in Britain in c. AD410 and why *Know that this left Britain open for invasions/settlements *Know the difference between an invasion and a settlement *Know where the Anglo-Saxons came from and why they chose England *Understand that the Anglo-Saxons formed many different Kingdoms in Britain *Understand the chronology of the Anglo-Saxon settlements	*Understand the social structure of the Egyptians *Know why the pyramids were built *Investigate the greatest achievements of the Egyptians <u>Key question- Were the Vikings really</u> <u>vicious?</u> *Know that the Vikings arrived after the Anglo-Saxons and they both struggled for the Kingdom of England *Know where the Vikings came from and why they chose Britain *Know that the Vikings invasion started with Lindisfarne which shocked many *Understand the chronology of the Viking invaders *Understand the different points of view, were the Vikings really Vicious?	*Understand how Claudius invaded and conquered Britain *Understand why the Romans built Hadrian's Wall *Understand the process of the Romanisation of Britain <u>Key question- How different were the Maya?</u> *Understand what an ancient civilisation is *Know that the Maya civilisation was 900AD – 1100 AD *Understand the role of archaeologists and why we know about the Maya *Make comparisons with Maya and Viking England *Understand the Maya religion and their beliefs *Use sources to understand what life would have been like
Year 5	 *Know how the Anglo-Saxons changed Britain Key question-Why was 1066 a year of crisis in Britain? *Know who Edward the Confessor was and that he died leaving no heir to the throne *Understand how having no heir at time had a huge impact on Britain *Know that four people claimed the throne *Understand why this caused great problems for Britain *Understand the impact the battle of Hastings 1066 had on Britain 	Key question-Why were the cotton mills so important for Oldham?*Know what life was like for people in the cotton mills*Understand that for a long time Oldham relied heavily on the cotton mills*Understand how technology developed in the mills*Know that as technology developed the need for workers changed*Understand the impact of the mills changing on people's lives	

	Key question-How did the Ancient Greeks	Key question- What was the impact of World	Key question- How has crime and punishment
	live and how did they shape the way we	War Two on our country and the wider	changed over time?
	live?	world?	*Know and explain different laws and
	*Know who the Ancient Greeks were	*Know when and where World War Two took	punishments from different historical periods
	*Place the Ancient Greeks on a timeline	place	*Know how the legal system works today
Year 6	*Understand how the Ancient Greeks lived	*Know why World War Two took place	*Know why we have a legal system
	their lives	*Know the impact World War Two has on our	Know the names of key individuals who have
	*Know that they were very influential and	lives today	played significant roles in the history of the legal
	developed lots of things we still use today	*Know the impact World War Two had on	system
		civilians at the time and still has today.	*Know who Robert Peel is and why he is
			important