

History Topic Overview

Year Group	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Nursery (Understanding the World)	Imitating life in small world and role play	Learning about different people and occupations Engaging with small world play based in different environments and different types of transport	Remember and talk about significant events in their life Shows and interest in the lives of familiar people
Rec (Understanding the World)	<u>Ourselves</u> Family traditions and cultures Personal History	<u>Bears</u> Old and New Bears	<u>New Life/Journeys</u> Transport
Y1	<u>Childhood: Homes and Toys</u> How are our lives different to those in the past? Why do the houses on my street look different? What was different about people's homes in the past? What would your bedroom look like in the past? What would you find in a child's room in the past? How have toys changed over time? Who would play with a toy like this?	<u>London</u> Where is London and what does it look like? What is the history of London? What is a monarch? Where have famous kings and queens have lived in London?	<u>Childhood: School</u> What was it like to go to school in the Victorian Times? What was special about the Victorian Era? What was it like for a child in the Victorian Era? What was it like to go to school in the Victorian Era? Who was Samuel Wilderspin and how did he help children?
Y2	<u>Great Fire of London</u> How do we know about the Great Fire of London? What was London like at the time of The Great Fire? What was life like in the 17 th Century? What happened during The Great Fire of London? Why did the fire burn down so many houses and what could have been done to slow the fire down? How do we know about The Great Fire of London? Who is Samuel Pepys? What happened after The Great Fire of London? How did London change?	<u>Explorers (Significant People)</u> What is an explorer and why are they significant? What is an explorer? Who was Captain Cook, where is he from and why is he significant? What were the key events in Captain Cook's life? What would his journey have looked like and how was it different? How did Captain Cook help others?	<u>Coasts</u> Why do people go on holiday to the Seaside and what might you find there? What is a holiday? What can I use to find out about seaside holidays in the past? Why were seaside holidays so popular? What were holidays like 100 years ago? How have seaside holidays changed?

Y3	<p><u>Stone Age to Iron Age</u></p> <p>Who first lived in Britain and how did it change?</p> <p>How did life the Stone Age change over time? What did early settlements look like and where were they built? What does a study of Skara Brae tell us about life at the end of the Stone Age? How and why was Stonehenge built? How did life continue to change during the Bronze and Iron Ages?</p>	<p><u>Earthquakes and Volcanoes</u></p> <p>What makes the Earth angry?</p> <p>Where have famous earthquakes/volcanoes occurred and what happened?</p>	<p><u>Ancient Civilisations: Egypt</u></p> <p>What was special about the Ancient Egyptians?</p> <p>Who were the earliest civilisations and where were they located? What was it like to live in Ancient Egypt? Who were the Ancient Egyptian Pharaohs? Why did the Ancient Egyptians build pyramids? Who was Howard Carter and what did he find? Who were the Ancient Egyptian Gods? What is Mummification and why was it used? What were the achievements of the Ancient Egyptians?</p>
Y4	<p><u>Romans</u></p> <p>Why did the Romans come to Britain and what did they leave behind?</p> <p>Who were the Romans? How did the Roman Empire grow? Why did the Romans come to Britain and how were they greeted? Who was Boudica and why is she significant? Why were the Romans so successful? How did Britain change under Roman rule? What would you leave behind for others to find?</p>	<p><u>Rivers and Mountains</u></p> <p>Why are Rivers important?</p> <p>Who has been brave enough to climb the highest mountains in the world?</p>	<p><u>Anglo Saxons and Vikings</u></p> <p>Who was involved in the struggle for the Kingdom of England?</p> <p>Who were the Anglo Saxons and where did they come from? Why did the Anglo Saxons settle in Britain and where did they choose to live? Who were the other tribes that lived in Britain? What life like in an Anglo-Saxon village? What can we learn from Sutton Hoo? Who were the Vikings and where did they first invade? What was it like to live as a Viking? Why was King Alfred referred to as 'Alfred the Great'? What happened at the end of Anglo-Saxon and Viking era in Britain?</p>
Y5	<p><u>Ancient Greece</u></p> <p>What did the Ancient Greeks do for us?</p> <p>Who were the Ancient Greeks? What was it like to live in Athens? What was is like to live in Sparta?</p>	<p><u>Food and Farming</u></p> <p>Where does our food come from?</p> <p>How has farming changed?</p>	<p><u>Middlesbrough and the Industrial Revolution</u></p> <p>What was the Industrial Revolution and how did it change Middlesbrough?</p> <p>How has transport changed over time?</p>

	<p>How do we know about Ancient Greece? What did the Ancient Greeks believe in? How did the Ancient Greeks influence the world? Why was Alexander the Great so 'great?'</p>		<p>What was the Industrial Revolution and how did it change transport? Who was the 'Father of the Railway and where was the first public railway? Why was the building of railways so significant? Who were the first settlers in Middlesbrough? How and why did Middlesbrough grow so quickly? Who was significant in the growth of Middlesbrough? How do you think Middlesbrough might change in the future?</p>
Y6	<p><u>WW1/WW2</u></p> <p>Why do we remember the First and Second World War?</p> <p>What is a War? What was the cause of WW1? Who was involved in WW1 and which side did they take? What was it like to fight in WW1? How did WW1 end and what were the consequences? How did this lead to WW2? Which countries were involved in WW2? What did warfare look like in WW2? How was this different to WW1? What were the significant events of WW2? What was life like on the Home Front in Middlesbrough? How did the role of Women change during wartime? Why did Hitler target Middlesbrough during WW2?</p>	<p><u>Frozen Landscapes</u></p> <p>Can anything survive in the coldest places on Earth?</p> <p>Has anyone ever made it to Antarctica? Who made it to the North Pole? What happened to The Titanic, how do we know and who was to blame?</p>	<p><u>Ancient Civilisations: Ancient Maya</u></p> <p>Who were the Maya, why were they important and why did they disappear?</p> <p>Where did the Ancient Maya live? What was it like to live in Meso America? Who were the Ancient Maya? What was Ancient Maya society like? What were the beliefs of the Ancient Maya? How do we know so much about the Ancient Maya? What were the Achievements of the Ancient Maya? Why did the Maya Civilisation decline? Who are the Modern Maya? How does the Maya Civilisation compare to other Ancient Civilisations we have studied?</p>