

History Curriculum Overview

Year Group

Autumn

Spring

Summer

Nursery

🕯 Imitating life in small world / Role play
Questions: What can we do in our role play? How can we act like different people?

🕯 Learning about different people & occupations / Transport
Questions: Who helps us in our community? What vehicles can we see and use?

🕯 Significant events in their life / Lives of familiar people
Questions: What events are important to me? Who is important in my life?

Reception

🕯 Ourselves / Family traditions & personal history
Questions: Who am I? What makes my family special?

🕯 Bears / Old & New Bears
Questions: How have bears changed over time? What can we learn from old toys?

🕯 New Life / Journeys / Transport
Questions: How do we travel? What journeys have we made?

Year 1

🕯 Childhood: Homes & Toys / Past vs Present
Questions: How are our lives different to those in the past? Why do the houses on my street look different? What would a child's bedroom look like in the past? How have toys changed over time?

🕯 London / Monarchy / Famous Kings & Queens
Questions: Would it be better to grow up in Middlesbrough or London? What is the history of London? What is a monarch? Where have famous kings and queens lived?

🕯 Childhood: School / Victorian Era / Samuel Wilderspin
Questions: Do children today have more freedom than Victorian children? What was school like in the Victorian Era? How did Samuel Wilderspin help children?

Year 2

🕯 Coasts / Seaside holidays past & present
Questions: Is going to the seaside the best kind of holiday? What were holidays like 100 years ago? How have seaside holidays changed?

🕯 Great Fire of London / 17th Century / Samuel Pepys
Questions: Did the Great Fire of London help or make things worse? What was London like at that time? How do we know about it? Who was Samuel Pepys?

🕯 Explorers / Captain Cook & significant journeys
Questions: Was Captain Cook brave or did he take too many risks? Who was he and why is he significant? What were the key events in his life? How did his journeys help others?

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Year 3

🏰 Stone Age to Iron Age / Settlements / Skara Brae / Stonehenge *Questions:* Was life easier in the Iron Age than in the Stone Age? How did settlements change over time? How and why was Stonehenge built?

🏰 Earthquakes & Volcanoes (historical impact) *Questions:* Are tectonic hazards helpful or harmful? Where have famous earthquakes or volcanoes occurred and what happened?

🏰 Ancient Civilisations: Egypt / Pharaohs / Pyramids / Achievements *Questions:* Are great civilisations remembered because of leaders, ideas, or buildings? What was life like in Ancient Egypt? Who were the Pharaohs? Why did they build pyramids? What were their achievements?

Year 4

🏰 Romans / Empire / Boudica / Britain *Questions:* Was Roman rule beneficial? Who were the Romans? How did the Roman Empire grow? Why did they come to Britain? Who was Boudica and why is she significant?

🏰 Rivers & Mountains / Historical use & exploration *Questions:* Do the benefits of living near a river outweigh the risks? Who has been brave enough to climb the highest mountains?

🏰 Anglo-Saxons & Vikings / Settlers / Sutton Hoo / King Alfred *Questions:* Would you welcome settlers or fear invaders? Who were the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings? What was life like in an Anglo-Saxon village? What can we learn from Sutton Hoo? Who was Alfred the Great?

Year 5

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🏰 Ancient Greece / Society / Beliefs / Alexander the Great *Questions:* Did the Ancient Greeks help make the world fairer or smarter? Who were they? What was life like in Athens and Sparta? How did they influence the world?

🏰 Food & Farming / Historical context *Questions:* Is farming a viable occupation today? How has farming changed over time?

🏰 Middlesbrough & Industrial Revolution / Transport / Key figures *Questions:* Did the Industrial Revolution help or harm Middlesbrough? How did transport change? Who were key people in Middlesbrough's growth?

Year 6

🏰 WW1 & WW2 / Causes / Events / Home Front *Questions:* Are wars ever necessary or always wrong? What caused WW1? Who was involved? How was life on the Home Front? How did it lead to WW2?

🏰 Frozen Landscapes / Exploration history / Titanic *Questions:* Is it brave or foolhardy to explore polar regions? Who reached the North and South Poles? What happened to the Titanic and why?

🏰 Ancient Civilisations: Maya / Society / Achievements / Decline *Questions:* Should we judge ancient civilisations by modern values? Where did the Maya live? What was their society like? Why did the civilisation decline? What are their achievements?