

Cycle A

Year 1/2 History Curriculum		
Autumn Great Fire of London	Spring Mary Anning	Summer Changes in living memory: Toys
 Children will know by the end of this unit: How the Great Fire of London started and how we can know how the fire started 350 years later What changed over time after the fire Why the Great Fire burnt down so many buildings How the rebuilding of London was different after the events of the Fire of London. What could have been done to stop the fire How people lived through the Great Fire- there was little government help available so the people had to help themselves by setting up camps outside the city , living in makeshift accommodation. 	 Children will know by the end of this unit: Why we remember Mary Anning and what she was like That Mary Anning discovered fossils on the Jurassic Coast and was one of the first to do this What were the key events in the life of Mary Anning and whether they were negative or positive What evidence we have to prove that Mary Anning made these important discoveries What the view of others were of Mary Anning were when she was alive What we should do to remember Mary Anning 	 Children will know by the end of this unit: What modern toys look like and are made from (plastic) because it is safer and easier to make things from. How children's toys change as they grow older What makes a toy 'old' What their grandparents toys were like How are old toys different to modern toys- modern toys may use electricity How to sort toys into categories like old and new, into different shapes



 A relief fund was set up and the King set up markets to provide food The difference between aid available then compared with national disasters today 		
	Year 3/4 History Curriculum	
Autumn Ancient Egypt	Spring The Stone Age to Iron Age	
Children will know by the end of this unit:	Children will know by the end of this unit:	
What Egypt was like	• To understand the impact of farming such as the taming of wild animals and the	
 Where Egypt and the River Nile is 	growing of crops like wheat	
located on a map and why the Nile	• To know and understand that we can use and study evidence of buildings left behind	
River was important to the Egyptians ,	(like Skara Brae) to make deductions about people's way of life	
providing not only crops, but fertile	• How to make inferences about the possible use of Stone Henge using evidence.	
soil, mud for bricks and pots, fishing,	To know charactersitics of life in an Iron Age hill fort community	
papyrus reeds and a key means of	That Britain was once covered in ice	
transport	That the earliest settlers were hunter-gatherers and lived in caves	
The evidence we have about Ancient	To know about the lifestyle of Stone Age man	
Egypt has come from pyramids,	To know that Stone Age man was interested in art and ceremonials	
hieroglyphics, paprus roles and	That hunter-gatherers were living alongside early farmers about 5,000 years ago	
artefacts found in tombs	That the discovery of Skara Brae was recent and changed modern views of early	
Pupils can understand the Egyptian	communities	
beliefs about the afterlife, and what	• To understand that Stone Henge was built about 5000 years ago in stages, and can	
the Book of the Dead stated about	explain how it was built	
protecting the spirit of the dead on the		
journey to the afterlife		



•	Pupils know that there were at least 3		
	other major civilizations elsewhere in		
	the world at this time and can locate		
	them approximately on a map: Indus		
	valley • Sumer (Mesopotamia Modern		
	Iraq) • Shang dynasty China.		
•	The pyramids are important		
	monuments today and were used as a		
	burial place often for pharaohs		
•	Who built the pyramids and why they		
	are important		
•	Who Howard Cater was and the		
	significance of his finding the tomb of		
	Tutaknhamun		
•	Egyptians wrote in hieroglyphics and		
	these had to be translated using the		
	Rosetta Stone before we could fully		
	understand Egyptian society		
•	Pupils understand the importance of		
	maat, the creation myths and the role		
	of god and goddesses in Ancient Egypt.		
		Year 5/6 History Curriculum	
	Autumn 1	Autum 2	Summer
	The Anglo-Saxons and Scots	The Vikings and Anglo-Saxon Conflict	The Mayans
C	nildren will know by the end of this unit:	Children will know by the end of this unit:	Children will know by the end of this unit:
	 That the Scots (Scoti) came from 	When the Vikings came to Britian	The achievements of the Mayana
	Ireland, and invaded North Britain –	Why the Vikings attacked and invaded	having built some of the largest cities
	was not called Scotland yet.	Anglo-Saxon Britain	in the world at the time, which was also



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(pictland – picti tribes ran the land.	That Vikings travelled by boat and that	one of the most sophisticated societies
Tribes that farmed the land) and	they were expert seamen	of their age with a stong belief system-
that the 'Scots' only became known	How the Vikings gained their reputation	they built stone stepped pyramids
as the Scots after they invaded and	as ruthless invaders and why	without the use of the cartwheel and
settled in Northern England and the	interpretations of the Vikings differ.	metal tools, as well as large cities, they
land became known as Scotland.	• That the reputation of the Vikings were	were able to track a solar year of 365
That the Scots followed a religion	exaggerated by accounts written by	days, built observatories and knew
called Paganism	monks and that ultil recently, the	about eclipses and they developed
• Why the Scots become Christian,	monks' records were our main source of	their own mathematics, using a base
who Saint Columba was, what he	evidence	number of 20 and had a concept of
believed	• To understand how successful the Vikings	zero, as well as their own writing
and why he travelled to Del Raida.	were in the struggle for Britain	system
(Exiled from Ireland, travelled to	• That Vikings kept coming to Britain for	The Mayan civiliazation lasted 2,000
lona and set up monastery) and	almost 300 years- first as raiders than as	years and was at its height as AD300-
why he travelled to north England	conquerors and why	900.
-to expand an share his relgion.	• Alfred the Great's main achievments	• Why the Mayan civilization was able to
	and why Alfred is know as 'Great' and is	grow- growing crops like maize,
How the Scots might have	this a true representation	hunting and irrigating fields
responded to Saint Columba and	• The importance of the Danelaw to Viking	• That the Mayan society was
the change in religion.	settlement	hierarchical (king, craftspeople and
	• That the Vikings were more than raiders,	marchants, farmers, slaves) and can
That the Scottish king accepted	they were also traders and why this	understand the differences between
Christianity to strength his power.	changed	the luxury of the royal court, and
Columba taught their heirs and		everyday life for the common people
became an advisor. Bringing		who lived in wood and thatch huts and
education to the Scots.		were concerned mostly with farming
		Mayan cities had stepped pyramids
• Where the Saxons came from,		topped by a temple, palaces and ball
where they settled in England and		courts
about their beliefs and religion.		



 What the seven Anglo-Saxon kingdoms were 	 The common people of the Mayan civilization are very poorly recorded The Mayans wrote hieroglyphics and that these have been deciphered since
 To know what Anglo-Saxon village life was like and that Anglo-Saxon village life was different from modern day. 	 Why human sacrifice was practiced That the moral values of people over 1000 years ago were different in both
 What the Anglo-Saxon Religion and beliefs were (Look at churches), the Anglo-Saxons were pagans (believing in many gods) 	 Maya and in England The Mayan civilization was in decline at the time of Saxon control in Britain There are many competing explanations as to why the Mayan
 Where Sutton Hoo is located, what was buried there and what the objects there can tell us about Saxon life 	civilization ended so quickly (drought, over-population, warfare, poor land, popular discontent, disease) and that it is difficult to be certain of the reason due to lack of evidence of which lots was destroyed by the Spanish when they conquered in the 16 th Century as they wanted to stop Mayan religious practices.
	Historical Diciplinary Knoweldge

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- 2. Sequencing the Past: is about the chronology and the understanding of time and place throughout history. In our lessons, we allow children to develop their skills and knowledge of chronology by making lessons practical to develop understanding-e.g. by toilet roll timelines.
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- 4. Cause and Effect: is about understanding that events happened to bring about another event and the implications of these. Furthermore, it is about identifying potential reasons for change and the positive/negative implications of them. We ensure this by teaching cause and effect explicitly.
- 5. Significance and Interpretation: is about identifying what is important and that our understanding of the past comes from different sources. We ensure children develop a deep knowledge of this by linking this to change, cause and effect so our pupils understand what and why certain elements were important. We also teach children that our understanding of the past comes from different sources.
- 6. Planning and Carrying Out Historical Enquiries: is about providing opportunities for our children to develop their knowledge/understanding by carrying out investigations into a certain aspect or theme. At first, children are guided through historical enquiries using materials and sources to make judgements before being able to do this on their own.
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- 8. Vocabulary: is about our pupils knowing how to use vocabulary to become articulate historians. We do this by using our school's vocabulary progression document to know what words children should know in each year group and reinforcing these in lessons through stem sentences.



Cycle B



Year 1/2 History Curriculum		
Autumn 2 The Gunpowder Plot	Spring 2 Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale	Summer 1 History of St Thomas' School
 Children will know by the end of this unit: Understand who Guy Fawkes was and what his actions were to bring about the Bonfire Night celebrations What the motives were behind the Gunpowder Plot What went wrong with the Gunpowder plot and how we know this through the use of sources What different interpretations there are of the Gunpowder Plot To be able to provide their own opinions with explanations on whether Bonfire Night should be celebrated 	 Children will know by the end of this unit: Who Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole were, when they lived and why the're famous. What the important events were in the lives of both Mary Seacole and Florence Nighingale What hospital conditions were like when Florence got to Scutari and how Florence Nightingale improved the conditions at the Scutari hospital. What the greatest achievement of Mary Seacole were and what happened to her after the Crimean War 	 Children will know by the end of this unit: How the local area has changed over time How to look at primary and secondary sources To know the features of St Thomas' Infant school in the past and how they have changed in the present Understand how school life was different in the past.
	Year 3/4 History Curriculum	
Autumn 1 and 2	Sur	nmer



Roman Britain	The Tudors
Children will know by the end of this unit:	Children will know by the end of this unit:
• The terms 'invade' and 'settle' and to	
place the Romans on a timeline	What happened at the Battle of Bosworth
• That Cluadius was the leader of the first	 Who the Tudors and the Yorks were and how/why the Tudor rose was formed
Roman invasion of Britain and can	What we can find out about Henry VIII from his portraits
understand what his motiavation for this	Why Henry VIII would have wanted to be painted in a certain way
was	Why Henry VIII broke from Rome
• Why and how the Romans successfully	Who the six wives of Henry VIII were and why he had six wives
invaded Britain	Why Mary is known as 'Bloody Mary'
• Who was in Britain when the Romans	How Elizabeth I used propaganda, through her portraits to control her image as
invaded and learn about their way of life	being young and virtuous and why this was
Who Boudica was from different points	Why England and Spain went to war
of view	How did Elizabeth I defeat the Spanish Armarda
Why the Celts would have been	•
apprehensive about taking on the	
Roman Army	
About why Boudicca was motivated to	
battle the Romans and the results of	
Boudica's revolt	
• Why the Roman army was so powerful	
About life in Roman Britain and what	
were the most significant changes	
What were the differences between rich	
and poor in Roman society	
How the Romans have influenced our	
lives today.	
	Year 5/6 History Curriculum
Autumn	Spring



Anceint Greeks	Local History Study: Why is Highclere Castle famous?
 Children will know by the end of this unit: To begin to find out who the ancient Greeks were, and place their civilisation in time To understand that Anceint Greece constisted of city states like Athens and Sparta Why Athens was a strong society Why the battle of Marathon was fought and how it affected both 	 Children will know by the end of this unit: How has the architecture of the Highclere estate changed and what is the significance of the architecture of Highclere Estate How and why Highclere Castle had to change and adapt in World War One Why were children evacuated and what was evacuation like and what did evacuation life look like at Highclere castle What led to WW2 plane crashes at the Highclere estate and what was the impact
 fought and how it affected both Athens and Persia To understand the different types of government and the society in ancient Greece and the introduction of democracy 	
 To understand the similarities and differences between the modern and ancient olympics To use sources like pottery to find out about daily life in ancient Greece To know about religion in ancient Greece 	
 How the Greeks have influenced our lives today 	Historical Disciplinary Knowledge



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