

Whole School History Overview

Year Group/ Term	Key Question	Ancillary questions and content focus	History National Curriculum Subject Coverage	Skill Led Learning Activities	Trips or visits
Year 1 Autumn	How do our favourite toys and games compare with those of children in the 1960s?	<p>Why do historians divide up time? What do people remember about the 1960s?</p> <p>How do the most popular toys and games of the 1960s compare with those of today?</p> <p>Why were there no smart toys and games in the 1960s?</p> <p>How can we make sure we play with smart toys and games safely and securely?</p> <p>What do adults I know remember about the 1960s?</p>	<p>Pupils should be taught about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> changes within living memory - where appropriate, these should be used to reveal aspects of change in national life the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements significant historical events, people and places in their own locality. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and describe how historians divide up time - discussion Compare, contrast and sequence historical events – simple timeline Identify, observe and discuss memorable events of 1960s; suggest reasons for significance – 1960s timeline Identify and describe some popular toys of 1960s – discussion Compare and contrast to toys of today; identify and describe similarities – simple chart/images Describe and explain the cause of the major change to toys – discussion Describe what Tim Berners-Lee invented and suggest reasons to explain how this change affected toys – discussion/ simple explanation sentences Recognise, describe and explain how they can use Wi-Fi enabled toys safely and securely - annotated sketches 	
Year 1 Spring	What does it take to be a great explorer?	<p>Why is Ranulph Fiennes in the Guinness World Records?</p> <p>How do Amy Johnson's achievements compare with those of Ranulph?</p> <p>Why did Christopher Columbus sail across an unknown ocean?</p> <p>What was Neil Armstrong's small step also a 'great leap' forward?</p> <p>Are you the kind of person who could become a Mars explorer?</p>	<p>Pupils should be taught about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> changes within living memory and, where appropriate, these should be used to reveal aspects of change in national life events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally the lives of significant 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the achievements and qualities of Ranulph Fiennes; give reasons why he is defined as the world's greatest living explorer – discussion/ shape writing Give an account of the accomplishments of Amy Johnson; give reasons why they're remarkable given the role of women at the time – discussion/ shape writing Identify and recognise the main motives of Christopher Columbus; describe his achievements and give reasons for his accomplishments – discussion/ annotate pictures Describe and suggest reasons to explain the significance of Neil 	<p>Visit Jaxon – Astronaut</p>

			<p>individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements.</p>	<p>Armstrong's achievements/ what enabled him to accomplish – timeline of Moon landing</p> <p>5. Recognise, observe and suggest reasons for the challenges that explorers venturing to Mars will face; personal qualities required – recruiting poster</p>	
<p>Year 1 Summer</p>	<p>How do we know so much about where Sappho used to live?</p>	<p>Who was Sappho and where did she live (Pompeii)?</p> <p>Why was Pompeii part of the Roman Empire?</p> <p>What happened to Pompeii on August 24th AD 79?</p> <p>What evidence exists of what happened at Pompeii at August 24th AD79?</p> <p>Why do we know so much about where Sappho used to live?</p> <p>How did the archaeologists know that people had been buried under the ash?</p>	<p>Pupils should be taught about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally. 	<p>1. Identify, recognise, describe and suggest reasons for the way people lived in Pompeii – discussion</p> <p>Describe a day in the life of Sappho, suggesting reasons why she lived as she did – simple diary entry</p> <p>2. Identify and describe simply what the Roman Empire was, recognising the difference between rich and poor – annotated sketches</p> <p>3. Describe and provide reasons for the causes and effects of the destruction of Pompeii – labelled diagram</p> <p>4. Describe the basic differences between primary and secondary historical evidence – discussion</p> <p>Compare and contrast basic trustworthiness of primary and secondary evidence – discussion</p> <p>5. Identify, describe and suggest reasons for the use of small artefacts – label pictures</p> <p>Identify and describe main larger building of Pompeii – reconstruction drawings</p> <p>6. Understand, through explanation and modelling, how archaeologists created reconstructions – make models</p>	

<p>Year 2 Autumn</p>	<p>Who is the greatest history maker?</p>	<p>What does it mean for someone to 'make history'? (Guy Fawkes) Which of these people was the greatest history maker?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Malala (Malala Yousafzai, Pakistani human rights activist) 2. Margaret (Margaret Roberts who became Margaret Thatcher, first woman Prime Minister of the United Kingdom) 3. Hatshepsut (first woman of Ancient Egypt to become a pharaoh) 4. Marie (Marie Curie, the first person in the world to win two Nobel Prizes in different subjects) 5. Grace (Grace O'Malley, Irish Chieftain, pirate and independence fighter) 6. Elizabeth (Elizabeth I Queen of England) <p>How would you like to be remembered as a history maker?</p>	<p>Pupils should be taught about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements • events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify, describe and explain what is commemorated on 5th November – annotated sketch Describe, reason and explain what it means for someone to make history, and that it is remembered for a long time – summary paragraph 2. <i>Continue with objective for 3/4 sessions</i> Identify, describe and explain how six significant people made history Compare and contrast the achievements of these individuals, ranking and justifying – over a number of weeks, investigate and compare individuals, recording their key achievements and significance to history; create summary piece to show judgements and conclusion 3. Reflect upon what history makers might achieve in the remainder of this century; describe and explain what they would like to be remembered for – short story/ explanatory paragraph 	
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<p>Year 2 Spring</p>	<p>Why was Charles sent to prison?</p>	<p>What did Charles do wrong? Why were messenger pigeons so important during the First World War? Why were messages sent by pigeon always in code? How did children know that a war was happening in 1916? Why were horses very important during The First World War? How did other animals contribute to the war effort?</p>	<p>Pupils should be taught about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recognise some of the ways in which WW1 changed how adults were able to behave – annotated photographs/ discussion 2. Describe and suggest reasons why communication was a challenge, explaining why messenger pigeons were important – discussion/ create simple message 3. Compare and contrast means of communication during WW1 – telegrams/coded ciphers 4. Identify and describe some of the ways in which the lives of children, families and communities changed in WW1 Offer reasons for the causes of changes – label photographs 5. Describe how horses were used during WW1 and explain the importance – animal war memorial dedication 6. Describe the ways that other animals were used and explain the importance – factual paragraph/ report 	
<p>Year 2 Summer</p>	<p>Why is the history of my locality significant? (a model enquiry focusing on significant events, people and places in Manchester)</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PuiISHxvvik</p>	<p>How has my local area changed from Victorian to modern times? Why did changes take place in Manchester, and what was the industrial revolution? How did the industrial revolution affect Manchester? What would it have been like in the cotton mills, especially for children? What was the transport like during the revolution? How has the seaside changed since the Victorian times?</p>	<p>Pupils should be taught about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • changes within living memory • events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally • the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements • significant historical events, people and places in their own locality. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and locate Newton Heath and Manchester, and describe changes in the local area from Victorian to modern times 2. Explain, at a basic level, changes that occurred in Manchester during the industrial revolution – from agricultural to industrial. Give reasons as to why people came to Manchester 3. Describe what it would have been like to work in a cotton mill, comparing expectations of children then and now 4. Compare the main types of transportation used during the industrial revolution, providing pros and cons for its usage 5. Compare and contrast Victorian seaside to modern day, locating where people from Manchester might have visited and why they went there 	

<p>Year 3 Autumn</p>	<p>How did the lives of ancient Britons change during the Stone Age?</p>	<p>How do people often imagine the Stone Age to be like? Who left their footprints on the beach and what were they doing there? What clues help archaeologists reconstruct how people might have lived in Stone Age Britain? Why did Stone Age Britons spend most of their time living in camps rather than in caves? Why was the Red Lady of Paviland so important? How were people living in Britain at the end of the Stone Age compared with the beginning?</p>	<p>Pupils should be taught about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the ways of life associated with the Stone Age; identify and reason for those accurate and those that are anachronisms – King Alfred anachronisms Recognise that Stone Age is a period of prehistory Describe and suggest reasons for the presence of a family group from the Old Stone Age on a beach; compare and contrast to use today – discussion and comprehension Describe and explain how archaeologists use a variety of artefacts – short report Describe the likely features of Stone Age summer and winter camps, reasoning and explaining – annotated diagrams Recognise, describe, compare and contrast the difference between historical facts and historical suppositions – write section of simple myth/legend including facts/ suppositions Identify, describe, compare, contrast and explain important changes to life during the Stone Age – explanatory passage 	
<p>Year 3 Spring</p>	<p>What is the secret of the standing stones? (Bronze Age Britain)</p>	<p>Why did the Stone Age come to an end about six thousand years ago? Why was the Amesbury Archer so important? Why do people build monuments? Why did Bronze Age people build monuments at Merrivale? Who was buried in the cist at Merrivale?</p>	<p>Pupils should be taught about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the process of smelting bronze from copper and tin, heralding the end of the Stone Age – flow diagram Identify and describe the likely use of Bronze Age artefacts; explain how this shows progress – table Identify, describe and reason the likely use of artefacts - list of artefacts and purposes Explain why archaeologists think the Amesbury Archer was given the richest burial known in the Bronze Age – discussion Identify, describe and explain the purpose of monuments – discussion Explain the significance of a monument in the local area – written summary Identify, describe, compare and contrast typical Bronze Age monuments and suggest reasons for design - sketching 	

				<p>Explain, through synthesising a number of reasons, the possible purpose of stone mountains at Merrivale – discussion Empathise through feeling the emotions of a visitor – discussion</p> <p>5. Identify, describe, explain and justify 10 artefacts in the grave of a Bronze Age warrior chief</p>	
Year 3 Summer	How do artefacts help us understand the lives of people in Iron Age Briton?	<p>How can we recognise Iron Age hill forts today? What might hill forts have looked like when they were first built? How do we know that life wasn't always very peaceful in the Iron Age? What were stators and how did Iron Age people use them? Why have so many wonderful Iron Age artefacts been found underwater?</p>	<p>Pupils should be taught about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and describe the common features of the remains of Iron Age hill forts – discussion Suggest how an Iron Age fort might have appeared, giving reasons to justify – sketches Compare and contrast their reconstruction – updated labelled sketches Describe the main features of an Iron Age roundhouse; identify and suggest reasons for artefacts – list of artefacts and purposes Interpret a range of evidence to generate reasons and explain why the Iron Age was violent – discussion/ note making Recognise and describe the importance of Iron Age stators, understanding how they were used – recount Recognise reasons for an Iron Age shield being in the River Witham; synthesise reasons into an explanation – explanation 	
Year 4 Autumn	How did the arrival of the Romans change Britain?	<p>Why did Emperor Claudius invade Britain? Why did the Romans almost lose control of Britain? (War with Boudica) Why was it so important to Claudia Severa that her friend Sulpicia Lepidina came to visit her? Why were Claudia and Sulpicia living at Vindolanda (Hadrian's Wall) How do we know so much about the towns the Romans</p>	<p>Pupils should be taught about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> identify and describe the modern-day countries of Europe/ North Africa which formed part of the Roman Empire – map interpretation Understand through explanation the motives for British invasion – discussion Compare and contrast the armies of Boudica and Paulinus; predict the likely outcome and justify – description of Boudica/ discussion Understand the difference between historical evidence and legend/folklore – discussion Explain what the content of letters tells us about wealthy Romans – postcard and design 	<p>Trip Chester Dewa Centre</p>

		<p>built in Britain? Why did the Romans organise gladiatorial games?</p>		<p>4. Identify and describe the main design features of Hadrian's Wall; explain its necessity – discussion/ comprehension</p> <p>5. Identify and describe the key features of Roman towns in Britain, explaining why historians know so much – annotate drawing/ identify seven key features</p> <p>6. Describe what a gladiator was – discussion and interpretation Explain who lanistae were – poster Understand through explanation why the Romans went to so much effort in organising gladiatorial games - discussion</p>	
<p>Year 4 Spring</p>	<p>Who were the Anglo-Saxons and how do we know what was important to them?</p>	<p>Why did the Romans leave Britain? Who were the Anglo-Saxons and why didn't they choose to live in the towns the Romans left behind? How did the lives of Anglo-Saxons change after Ethelbert met Augustine? (Conversion to Christianity) How did converting to Christianity change the lives of people in Britain? What does Sutton Hoo tell us about the Anglo- Saxon world?</p>	<p>Pupils should be taught about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Britain's settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots 	<p>1. Interpret primary and secondary sources of evidence to describe and explain why the Romans abandoned Britain – discussion/ list summary Empathise and make a judgement, including the emotions expressed by the emperor – letter</p> <p>2. Describe and explain why Anglo-Saxon settlers created village communities in the countryside; evaluate advantages and disadvantages – interpret source material/ annotated sketch</p> <p>3. Identify and describe Anglo-Saxon gods and explain why practices were pagan – discussion/ interpretation Describe and explain why Britain converted to Christianity, making reasoned judgements – short message</p> <p>4. Recognise and describe changes that occurred to buildings and ways of life due to conversion to Christianity; evaluate costs and benefits – coding positive/ negative change</p> <p>5. Identify and describe artefacts discovered at Sutton Hoo; explain importance and reach a judgement on how the burial would have been constructed – analyse artefacts/ labelled drawing</p>	

<p>Year 4 Summer</p>	<p>What did the Vikings want and how did Alfred help to stop them getting it?</p>	<p>What was the 'terror' that appeared in Britain on June 8th 793? Why was the design of their longships so important to the Vikings? What were the two treasures that most Viking Norsemen wanted from Britain? Viking horned helmets - historical fact or myth? Why is Alfred the only King or Queen of England to have 'the Great' after their name?</p>	<p>Pupils should be taught about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Viking and Anglo- Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the reason for the attack on Lindisfarne by the Vikings – discussion and interpretation Describe why 'Vikings' isn't the correct name, and explain who the attackers were – mapping Empathise with the people of Northumbria and the judgements – tabloid headline 2. Identify and describe the design of a longship; explain why it was an ideal vessel for raiding – annotated outline 3. Interpret a range of source evidence to explain why most Viking Norsemen travelled to Britain and justify judgement - discussion Identify and describe the distribution of areas – map interpretation Compare and contrast homes of Viking Norsemen with Anglo-Saxons, suggesting reasons for observations 4. Explain the difference between historical evidence and myths, folklore and legend; reference Viking helmets with horns and Robin Hood – discussion/ video interpretation 5. Evaluate evidence relating to the achievements of Alfred the Great, reaching judgements as to whether he was 'great' and justifying – discussions/ annotated statue 	
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<p>Year 5 Autumn</p>	<p>How did a pile of dragon bones help to solve an Ancient Chinese mystery?</p>	<p>What was odd about the dragon bones that Wang Yirong bought? What do the engraved bones tell us about the beliefs of the Shang? Why do we know so much about how some people lived at the time of the Shang and hardly anything about others? Rise and fall - How did the reign of King Cheng Tang compare with that of King Di Xin? What made Fu Hao stand out from the crowd?</p>	<p>Pupils should be taught about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the achievements of the earliest civilizations - an overview of where and when the first civilizations appeared and a depth study of one of the following: Ancient Sumer; The Indus Valley; Ancient Egypt; The <u>Shang</u> Dynasty of Ancient China 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe and explain the historical significance of bones bought in Peking – oral discussion/ interpreting inscriptions 2. Explain the significance of oracle bones and reach a judgement, justifying their decision – discussion/ design and produce questions 3. Identify, describe, compare and contrast the lives of people in different sections of Shang society; explain why our understanding is limited – explanatory passage 4. Recognise, describe and justify the qualities needed in a great ruler; compare and contrast during reigns of King Cheng Tang and Di Xin – annotate portraits 5. Make a reasoned judgement about the identity of the occupant of a Shang burial chamber; explain why they were targeted by graverobbers – pen portrait profile 	
<p>Year 5 Spring</p>	<p>The story of The Trojan Horse: historical fact, legend or classical myth?</p>	<p>What exactly is the story of The Trojan Horse? What evidence exists to authenticate the story of The Trojan Horse? What other explanations could there be for the origin of the story of The Trojan Horse?</p>	<p>Pupils should be taught about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ancient Greece – a study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe and explain the main events in the siege of the city of Troy during the Trojan War of Ancient Greece – discussion/ siege storyboard 2. Over a series of 3/4 sessions: Evaluate and critique visual, written and archaeological evidence regarding the Trojan Horse, and begin to formulate conclusions – discussion/ note taking/ in depth comparisons of sources 3. Reach a conclusion and make a judgement regarding whether the story of the Trojan Horse is fact, legend or myth, with justification – discursive writing 	

<p>Year 5 Summer</p>		<p>How do we know the Romans settled Manchester? Why is Manchester Cathedral a significant building? Why is Manchester Cathedral a significant building? How and why did the Industrial Revolution affect the population of Manchester? Why do people live in Manchester today?</p>	<p>Pupils should be taught about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A local history study: a study over time tracing how several aspects of national history are reflected in the locality (this can go beyond 1066) 	<p>Manchester study:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To describe and suggest reasons why we know Romans settled in Manchester. 2. To describe and suggest reasons why the Romans settled in Manchester. 3. To explain and justify why the Manchester Cathedral is a significant building. 4. To explain and justify why they think the cathedral is a significant building to Manchester. 5. To identify and explain why do they think that people would be moving to live in Manchester? 6. To explain the population growth in Manchester. 	
<p>Year 6 Autumn</p>	<p>Why did the ancient Maya change the way they lived?</p>	<p>Who are the Maya and where do they live? What are the main occupations of Maya people today? What did John and Frederick rediscover in 1839? What do the ruins of Chichen Itza tell us about the lives of ancient Maya? Why do historians know so much about ancient Maya society? Why was pok-a-tok more than just a ball</p>	<p>Pupils should be taught about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a non-European society that provides contrasts with British history - one study chosen from: early Islamic civilization, including a study of Baghdad c. AD 900; <u>Mayan</u> civilization c. AD 900; Benin (West Africa) C. AD 900-1300. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify, locate and describe the region of the world in which the Maya live; explain the landscape, climate and vegetation – discussion/interpreting sources 2. Identify, describe and provide reasons to explain the occupations of modern Maya people – discussion/ annotated map 3. Refer to primary evidence to identify and describe the lost jungle cities of the Maya; reach a judgement on purpose, justifying reasoning – sketch maize god/ analyse journal entry 4. Understand through explanation the purpose of the ancient Maya city of Chichen Itza – source analysis/ discussion 	

		<p>game?</p> <p>Why did the ancient Maya leave their jungle cities?</p>		<p>5. Infer, using reasoning and judgement, the purpose of artefacts, justifying conclusions – reconstruct drawing, interpret hieroglyphs, oral feedback</p> <p>6. Explain the social and religious importance of pok-a-tok – advertising poster</p> <p>7. Evaluate and synthesise, reaching a judgement on the likely cause of Maya jungle cities being abandoned; justify conclusions - discussion</p>	
<p>Year 6 Spring</p>	<p>Why did Britain once rule the largest empire the world has ever seen?</p>	<p>Why was it said that the sun never set on The British Empire?</p> <p>Why did Britain build an empire around the world? What happened to The British Empire? What happened in Britain between 2 April and 14 June 1982, and why?</p>	<p>Pupils should be taught about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066 	<p>1. Identify and describe the extent of the British Empire, explaining what it meant to be a colony – discussion/ annotated map</p> <p>2. Describe and explain the main reasons why Britain wanted an empire; evaluate and justify choices – discussion/ summary paragraph</p> <p>3. <i>Over at least 2 sessions:</i> Interpret a range of evidence to reach a conclusion and make a judgement as to why the British Empire has all but disappeared – discussion/ explanatory text</p> <p>4. <i>Over at least 2 sessions:</i> Interpret a wide range of sources to evaluate the causes and effects of the Falkland Islands' war with Argentina; reach a judgement about Britain's actions, justifying views – annotate outline of Falkland Islands</p>	
<p>Year 6 Summer</p>	<p>Why was winning the Battle of Britain in 1940 so important?</p>	<p>How serious was the risk of invasion by Nazi Germany in June 1940? What did Hitler need to achieve if an invasion was going to succeed?</p> <p>Why did Britain win the Battle of Britain?</p>	<p>Pupils should be taught about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066. 	<p>1. <i>Over at least 2 sessions:</i> Evaluate a range of primary and secondary sources to explain why Britain faced a risk of invasion; reach a judgement about seriousness of threat – discussion; written responses; group work</p> <p>2. Interpret numerical and written evidence to explain and justify why Hitler needed to defeat the British Royal Air Force before launching invasion – paired work; discussion and feedback</p> <p>3. <i>Over at least 2 sessions:</i> Identify, describe, explain and evaluate the relative importance of the factors which</p>	

				contributed to Britain winning the Battle of Britain; make a judgement as to which they feel are most significant – scrutiny of images; discussion ; labelling; explanatory writing	
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