



Hallwood Park School and Nursery: History Long Term Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
EYFS Cycle 1 Understanding The World	Once Upon a Time - Traditional Tales Children explore familiar stories from the past, learning that tales have been told for many years. They sequence events (first/next/after) and discuss how characters lived differently from today. They compare old-fashioned settings (e.g. cottages, forests) with modern life.	Tiny Creatures, Big Discoveries - Minibeasts Children compare past and present experiences of nature (e.g. early memories vs. now). They observe seasonal change and talk about events over time such as growth, life cycles and the passing of winter to spring.	Life in the Big City - City Life Children compare their own local area with city environments. They explore how transport, homes, and buildings have changed and learn simple historical vocabulary, such as past, present, old, new.	Me and My Family - Family History Children learn about their personal past: what they were like as babies, how they have changed and how members of their family lived when they were younger. They explore photographs, talking about then/now and similarities and differences.	Pets and Their People - Changes Over Time Children talk about caring for pets now and in the past, comparing routines, homes and animal care. They use language of time (yesterday, last week, when I was little).	Superhero Adventures - Real Helpers in the Past Children explore real-life 'heroes' such as firefighters, nurses and police officers, discussing how their roles have changed over time.
EYFS Cycle 2 Understanding The World	What Makes Me Special? - Personal History Children talk about themselves, their families and how they have changed since they were babies. They share memories and discuss their past birthdays. They learn that everyone has a personal history.	How Do You Celebrate? - Festivals Over Time Children explore celebrations such as Diwali, Bonfire Night, Christmas and New Year, learning that these events have been celebrated for many years. They compare similarities and differences between celebrations now and in the past.	What Happened to the Dinosaurs? - Prehistoric Past Children explore life in the distant past through dinosaur stories, fossils and models. They compare prehistoric animals to animals today, and learn that humans did not exist at the same time as dinosaurs.	Why Do Farms Matter? - Then and Now Children compare traditional farms with modern-day farms, exploring how farming tools, machinery and jobs have changed over time. They discuss food production and how people used to live more simply.	Who Lives Here? - Habitats Through Time Children explore how animals' habitats have changed across the seasons and over time. They compare animals from the past (e.g. from dinosaur and Ice Age stories) with those living now.	Where Will We Go? - Travel and Transport Then and Now Children compare old and new forms of transport (buses, bikes, cars, aeroplanes). They explore journeys they have taken and how travel has changed from the past to today. They use historical vocabulary: long ago, before, after, now, next.
KSI Cycle 1	The Past: Local Area Pupils learn about their immediate locality and how it has changed over time. They explore past	Queen Elizabeth An introduction to monarchy through the life of Queen Elizabeth II, examining her role.	Stories About the Past Children explore historical stories, sequencing events and identifying fact vs. fiction. They begin to	Stories of Rulers An introduction to significant rulers from different historical periods, examining leadership.	Ships and Seafarers Through Time Pupils learn how ships, sailors and sea travel have changed over time. They	The Stone Age A foundational introduction preparing for KS2. Children explore early human life.

	and present features, recognising continuity and change.	significance and changes during her reign.	understand how stories help us learn about the past.	symbolism and their impact on people's lives.	explore historical voyages, dangers of the sea, and how travel shaped exploration.	tools, homes and survival in prehistoric times.
KS1 Cycle 2	The Past: London Pupils learn about London in the past, exploring key landmarks and major historical changes that shaped the city.	The Great Change Makers A study of people who made a significant difference, examining their actions, achievements and long-lasting impact.	Queen Victoria Introducing Victorian Britain through the life of Queen Victoria. Children learn about her reign, family, and key aspects of Victorian society.	Victorian Lives A deeper look at everyday life in Victorian Britain—homes, schools, work and childhood—helping pupils compare past and present.	The Stone Age A second encounter with Stone Age content to build readiness for KS2, revisiting early humans and their development across this long period.	The Neolithic Age Children learn about farming, settlements and technological changes that transformed human life at the end of the Stone Age.
LKS2 Cycle 1	Ancient Egypt Children explore life along the Nile, the development of settlements, pharaohs, power structures, art, writing and beliefs about death. They consider how Egypt changed over time.	Cradles of Civilisation (Mesopotamia & Ancient Sumer) A study of the world's earliest civilisations, focusing on settlements between the Tigris and Euphrates, the invention of writing, ziggurats, and comparing features with Ancient Egypt.	Indus Valley Civilisation Using artefacts and archaeological sites, pupils explore Mohenjo-Daro, Harappa and Lothal, urban planning, craftsmanship, trade and the unanswered historical questions surrounding this civilisation.	Persia and Greece Children learn about ancient Persia, Greek city-states (Athens & Sparta), Homer's Iliad, and key conflicts such as the Persian Wars. They compare how Greek city-states were similar and different.	Ancient Greece A deeper exploration of Greek democracy, empire, architecture, literature (Odyssey), theatre, and philosophy including Aristotle.	Alexander the Great Children study Alexander's rise, military campaigns, the spread of Greek culture, and the broader theme of why empires rise and fall.
LKS2 Cycle 2	Autumn 1 – The Roman Republic Foundation myths, the Roman kings, development of the Republic, the Senate, Punic Wars, religion, and Roman roads.	The Roman Empire Julius Caesar, the early emperors, Roman Britain's beginnings, Pompeii, and evidence from archaeological sources.	Roman Britain Celtic Britain before Rome, Roman towns, Boudicca, Hadrian's Wall, and diversity in Roman Britain including Black Romans.	Christianity in Three Empires (300-600CE) How Christianity changed across Rome, Byzantium and Aksum (East Africa), including Constantine, early churches, and cultural connections.	Islamic Civilisations (1): Arabia and Early Islam Bedouin life, trade, poetry, the story of Muhammad, the founding of Islam, and how Arabia changed.	Islamic Civilisations (2): Muslim Córdoba A study of Córdoba's scientific, architectural and cultural achievements, and how Muslims, Christians and Jews collaborated in a thriving medieval city.
UKS2 Cycle 1 <i>Please note that for academic Year 2025-2026 UKS2 will follow the LKS2 Cycle 1</i>	Islamic Civilisations (3): Baghdad – The Round City The golden age of Baghdad: architecture, the House of Wisdom,	Anglo-Saxon Britain Migration, Saxon kingdoms, early Christianity in Britain, monastic life, Sutton Hoo, and how historians	Vikings in Britain (1) Raids, invasions, King Alfred, the Danelaw, Scandinavian settlements, and Aethelflaed, Lady of the Mercians.	Norse Culture Myths, poetry, sagas, gods and heroes, including Beowulf, and comparisons with other ancient epics.	Vikings in Britain (2) The shaping of Britain through Viking and Anglo-Saxon interactions, Jorvik, the unification of England	Local History Study A school-designed unit drawing on historical enquiry skills and linking with earlier content.

	translation movement, and advances in science, medicine and mathematics.	use evidence to reconstruct the past.			and the legacy of Viking rule.	
<p>UKS2 Cycle 2 Please note that for academic Year 2026-2027 UKS2 will follow the LKS2 Cycle 1</p>	<p>The Maya Geography, rulers, religion, architecture, calendars, writing and theories about the decline of the Maya civilisation.</p>	<p>Medieval African Kingdoms: Benin & Ethiopia Material culture, politics, religion, technologies and comparisons between two African civilisations.</p>	<p>Cities in Time (1): Manchester Industrial Manchester through the life of Abel Heywood. Children explore how cities grow and how this relates to earlier civilisations studied.</p>	<p>Cities in Time (2) A comparative study of Pompeii, London, and Samarkand, exploring what cities across history have in common.</p>	<p>Britain in the Era of the Second World War Evacuation, the Blitz, migration, social change, the NHS, schooling and how WWII reshaped modern Britain.</p>	<p>Local History Study A school-designed enquiry into the local area, using a range of historical sources (e.g., census data, maps, oral history).</p>