

**Intent**

The history curriculum at MMP seeks to give pupils a solid foundation and broad overview in some of the most important periods, events and themes in British and world history. It is comprehensive but necessarily selective. The curriculum gives pupils a strong grounding in British history, taught chronologically from the first settlements through Roman Britain, the Vikings, Anglo-Saxons, the medieval period and up to the Industrial Revolution and touching on Britain during the two World Wars. While studying these periods the units explore themes of change and continuity, perspective and power.

We have carefully selected units that explore world history to provide global coverage and introduce a number of themes.

By bringing pupils up to the present day – in the case of Civil Rights (including Britain’s Black History)– the curriculum demonstrates the importance of past events in shaping both our local area and the world of today. Throughout the curriculum connections and comparison are made between events and individuals: the units on the Victorians and industrial revolution centres around the importance of Brunel in shaping not only the UK but our local area of Swindon in more general.

Throughout the curriculum, pupils are taught the substantive content/knowledge which defines each period. This knowledge is meticulously planned and regularly revisited and elaborated upon. However, it is not only substantive knowledge that is taught. The disciplinary skills of history, such as source analysis, interpretation, perspective, continuity and change are all explicitly taught and practised.

The units at MMP are taught on a 2-year cycle. Through these units, the key substantive knowledge and disciplinary skills are taught and consolidated.

**Cycle A**

Year groups	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3
Year 1 & 2	How <i>technology</i> has changed over time	Significant events; The Moon Landing	Victorians- Brunel
Year 3 & 4	Stone Age to Iron Age	Settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots	Viking and Anglo-Saxon
Year 5 & 6	The World at War; the Battle of Britain	Medicine through the Ages	Mayan Civilisation

**Cycle B**

Year groups	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3
Year 1 & 2	How <i>Toys</i> have changed over time	Significant events; Great Fire of London	Significant people – Christopher Columbus
Year 3 & 4	Ancient Egypt	Roman Empire and impact of Britain	Ancient Greece
Year 5 & 6	Civil Rights	How the Industrial Revolution shaped Swindon	Crime and Punishment <i>From the Anglo-Saxons to the present</i>

**3 ‘Big ideas’ that connect our units together.**

To help pupils develop a sophisticated understanding and make connections of how and where their new knowledge fits in to what they already know; 3 Big Ideas’ are carefully developed across each key stage.

These are Big Ideas are; the key role of **Influential figures and leaders**; the continual development of humanity through **innovation** and the impact of **exploration and invasion**. This supports the pupils in knowing and remembering more.

**KS1**

Unit	Influential figures & leaders	Innovation	Explore & invade
<b>C1 How <i>technology</i> has changed over time</b>	Charles Babbage Alexander Bell	Changes in technology; digitalisation	
<b>C1 Significant events; The Moon Landing</b>	Neil Armstrong	Nasa; Space rockets	Exploring outer space
<b>C1 Victorians- Brunel</b>	Isambard Kingdom Brunel	Railways; Steam trains	Going on holiday to the coast
<b>C2 How <i>Toys</i> have changed over time</b>	Queen Victoria	Improvements in technology/materials	
<b>C2 Significant events; Great Fire of London</b>	Samuel Peeps; Christopher Wren	Architecture; housing;	
<b>C2 Significant people – Christopher Columbus</b>	Christopher Columbus	Transport; sailing boats	Discovery of South and North America

**LKS2**

Unit	Influential figures & leaders	Innovation	Explore & invade
<b>C1 Stone Age to Iron Age</b>		Tools and settlements Stonehenge	
<b>C1 Settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots</b>	King Arthur	transport; housing and farming	Invasion of Scots and Anglo-Saxons
<b>C1 Viking and Anglo-Saxon</b>	Alfred the Great and Edward the Confessor King Canute King Ethelstan	Weapons	Battle of Hastings
<b>C2 Ancient Egypt</b>	Tutankhamun Cleopatra	Pyramids Hieroglyphics Afterlife and religion	
<b>C2 Roman Empire and impact of Britain</b>	Julius Caesar Queen Boudica	Transport Roads Army	Roman Empire's invasion of Britain
<b>C2 Ancient Greece</b>	Alexander the Great	Olympic Games Science Medicine Maths	

**UKS2**

Unit	Influential figures & leaders	Innovation	Explore & invade
<b>C1 Medicine through the Ages</b>	Marie Cure Hippocrates Florence Nightingale	Medicine Sanitisation Understanding of the body	
<b>C1 Mayan Civilisation</b>		Cities Writing Chocolate	The impact of the Invasion of Europeans
<b>C1 The World at War; The battle of Britain</b>	Hitler Winston Churchill	Propaganda Code breakers Radar Air travel	Allies & Axis Battle of Britain
<b>C2 Civil Rights</b>	Martin Luther King Rosa Parks Emily Pankhurst Thomas Clarkson	Law and Rights The power of protest	
<b>C2 How the Industrial Revolution shaped Swindon</b>	Isambard Kingdom Brunel Daniel Gooch	Machinery Transport/railway Manufacturing Railway village	
<b>C2 Crime and Punishment From the Anglo-Saxons to the present</b>	King Henry VIII Dick Turpin	Law / legal system Punishment	