



St Marys Catholic Primary School

History Curriculum Map

2025-2026



Term	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn	<p>In Nursery, History is covered through the following curriculum questions and themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who am I and who are my friends? Myself - My past. Who is in my family? 	<p>In Reception, History is covered through the following curriculum questions and themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who am I and who are my friends? Myself – My past Who is in my family? People from the Past - Vincent Van Gogh 	<p><i>Reception to Year 1 Transition:</i> All about me (2/3 weeks)</p> <p>Who is Guy Fawkes and why do we remember him?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What was life like in England before the Gunpowder plot? Who was Guy Fawkes and what did he try to do? Why did Guy Fawkes try to blow up Parliament? How was the plot discovered and what happened to Guy Fawkes? Why do we remember Guy Fawkes today? 	<p>Why are queens significant?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is a monarch and what do they do? Who was Queen Elizabeth I and why was she significant? How did Queen Victoria change Britain? Who was Queen Elizabeth II? How are these queens similar and different? 	<p>What was the most significant discovery in Ancient Britain?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is prehistory and how do we know what happened? What was life like during the Stone Age? How did the discovery of bronze change life in Britain? How did life change again in the Iron Age? How did life change across the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age? 	<p>What were the main achievements of the Ancient Greeks?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What was life like in Ancient Greece and how do we know? What did the Ancient Greeks believe? Why did the Greeks hold the Olympic Games, and how are they similar or different to today? What was democracy like in Ancient Greece, and how was it different from today? How were the city-states of Athens and Sparta different? 	<p>How and why did the Anglo-Saxons settle in Britain?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why did the Anglo-Saxons leave their homelands and decide to settle in Britain? What was life like in an Anglo-Saxon village? Why did the Anglo-Saxons change their beliefs from many gods to one God? What was so great about Alfred 'The Great' and how did he respond to Viking challenges? What did the Anglo-Saxons leave behind? 	<p>How has the power of the monarchy changed over time?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What was the Magna Carta and why did it matter? How did Parliament challenge and share power with the monarchy? Was Henry VIII really all-powerful? What changed in Elizabethan England? How did Queen Victoria mark a turning point in royal power? What power does the monarch have today?

<p style="text-align: center;">Spring</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who lives in this house? • My home • Do all homes look the same? • What happens when I plant a seed? • Baby Animals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where on Earth am I? • How has my local area changed over time? • What happens when I plant a seed? • Who will come to the fairy tale ball? • Stories set in the past 	<p style="text-align: center;">What do toys tell us about the past?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What toys do I play with and why do I like them? • How are old toys different from mine? • What can old pictures and people tell us about toys? • What was it like to play 50 years ago? • Have toys always been made from plastic? 	<p style="text-align: center;">What makes someone a real-life superhero?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a real-life superhero? • Who was Florence Nightingale and why was she significant? • Who was Mary Seacole and why should she be remembered? • Who was Edith Cavell and what does bravery mean? • How are these real-life superheroes similar and different? 	<p style="text-align: center;">What mattered most to the Ancient Egyptians?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was Ancient Egypt and where was it? • Why was the River Nile so important? • Who had power in Ancient Egypt? • Why was religion important in Ancient Egypt? • Why did the Ancient Egyptians prepare for the afterlife? • What mattered most to the Ancient Egyptians? 	<p style="text-align: center;">How did the Romans change Britain?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why did the Romans come to Britain? • How Did the Romans Change Britain with Roads and Infrastructure? • How Did the Romans Change the Way People Lived? (Buildings & Architecture) • How Did the Romans Influence British Culture? (Language, Laws, and Governance) • What did the Romans leave behind, and why does their influence still matter today? 	<p style="text-align: center;">How did the Battle of Hastings affect Britain Today?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Road to Hastings: Why Did It Happen? • The Battle of Hastings – What Happened? • How do we know what really happened at the Battle of Hastings? • What Changed After the Normans Won? • Why Does the Battle of Hastings Still Matter Today? 	<p style="text-align: center;">How did World War II change everyday life in Britain, and why is it important to remember?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why did WWII start, and why did Britain get involved? • How were propaganda and intelligence used to influence and protect people? • How did life change for women and families on the Home Front? • How should WWII be remembered?
<p style="text-align: center;">Summer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who will help bear? • What happens next? • How have I changed? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do all superheroes wear capes? • People who help us – comparing firefighters now and then 	<p style="text-align: center;">Why were castles built?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why were castles built and where? • What was it like to live in the Tower of London? • What features did castles have? • Why Did Kings Build Castles? • Where Do Monarchs Live Now? 	<p style="text-align: center;">How did trains change the way we live?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did people travel before trains? • Who invented the steam train and how did it change the way we lived? • Who was Isambard Kingdom Brunel and why is he remembered? • How do we use trains now? • How Have Trains Changed the Way We Live? 	<p style="text-align: center;">How did the Industrial Revolution change the way people lived and worked?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did people live and work before machines? • Why did people start using machines instead of hand tools? Case Study: The Greenwood Family • Which invention changed life the most during the Industrial Revolution? 	<p style="text-align: center;">What is the impact of the Windrush on the United Kingdom?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the Windrush? Why did people from the Caribbean come to Britain? • What was life like for the Windrush generation when they came to Britain? • Why did many Windrush migrants settle in Notting Hill? What problems did they face? • Notting Hill Carnival – How Did It Begin and Why Do We Still Celebrate It Today? 	<p style="text-align: center;">How did the Benin Kingdom rise and why did it fall?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where was Benin, and how does it fit into world history? • How Did the Benin Kingdom Begin? • What Made Benin a Successful and Wealthy Kingdom? • What Was Life Like in the Benin Kingdom? • What led to the fall of the Benin Kingdom? 	<p style="text-align: center;">Health Superstition Vs Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What did early people believe caused illness? • Why was disease so difficult to stop in Tudor and Stuart Britain? • What can artefacts teach us about medicine in the past? • Which medical individual made the biggest difference? • Why was the NHS created and how did it change healthcare?

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