



St Marys Catholic Primary School

History Curriculum Map



Term	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn	In Nursery, History is covered through the following curriculum questions and themes: • Who am I and who are my friends? • Myself - My past. • Who is in my family?	In Reception, History is covered through the following curriculum questions and themes: • Who am I and who are my friends? • Myself – My past • Who is in my family? • People from the Past - Vincent Van Gogh	<i>Reception to Year 1 Transition:</i> All about me (2/3 weeks) Who is Guy Fawkes and why do we remember him? • 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?	Why are queens significant? • 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?	What was the most significant discovery in Ancient Britain? • 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?	What were the main achievements of the Ancient Greeks? • 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?	How and why did the Anglo-Saxons settle in Britain? • 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?	How has the power of the monarchy changed over time? • 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?

Spring	• Who lives in this house? • My home • Do all homes look the same? • What happens when I plant a seed? • Baby Animals	• 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	What do toys tell us about the past? • 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?	What makes someone a real-life superhero? • 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?	What mattered most to the Ancient Egyptians? • 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?	How did the Romans change Britain? • 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?	How did the Battle of Hastings affect Britain Today? • 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?	How did World War II change everyday life in Britain, and why is it important to remember? • 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?
Summer	• Who will help bear? • What happens next? • How have I changed?	• Do all superheroes wear capes? • People who help us – comparing firefighters now and then	Why were castles built? • 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?	How did trains change the way we live? • 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?	How did the Industrial Revolution change the way people lived and worked? • 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?	What is the impact of the Windrush on the United Kingdom? • 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?	How did the Benin Kingdom rise and why did it fall? • 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?	Health Superstition Vs Science • 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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