

EYFS: Past and Present

In the Early Years, children talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society. They know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. They explore how they have changed over time from when they were a baby.

Year 1 Childhood

The children will compare and explore the similarities and differences between toys from today and the past. They will make comparisons with childhood in the 1950s, using artefacts and a range of different sources. They are introduced to simple time lines and family trees. They look at two significant events, The Coronations of Elizabeth II in 1953 and King Charles in 2023.

Year 1 School Days

The children will look at their school and the local area, both today and in the past. They will explore what schooling was like in the Victorian era and compare it to schooling today. They will look at two significant people – Queen Victoria and Samuel Wilderspin.

Year 1 Bright Lights Big City

The children will compare and explore London from 1666 and today. They will look at how lives have changed over time, focusing on the causes and consequences of **The Great Fire of London**, a significant historical event in their own locality.

Year 2 Significant Explorers

The children will build on their knowledge of significant people looked at in Year 1. They will use timelines, stories and historical sources to find out about significant explorers who have had a major impact on the world e.g. Neil Armstrong, Christopher Columbus, Matthew Henson and Felicity Aston.

Year 2 Magnificent Monarchs

The children will build on their knowledge from Year 1 where they were introduced to Queen Victoria, Queen Elizabeth II and King Charles. Using timelines, portraits and other historical sources, they explore the impact that several significant British Monarchs had on British history – William the Conqueror, Henry VIII, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II.

Year 2 Coastline

The children will explore how coastal towns have changed over time – particularly Whitby Bay. They will look at Captain Cook as a significant individual and the history of the RNLI, **visiting the RNLI centre in Clacton**.

Year 6 Britain at War

This project teaches children about the causes, events and consequences of the First and Second World Wars, the influence of new inventions on warfare, how life in Great Britain was affected and the legacy of the wars in the post-war period. **They will also carry out a local study to learn about the significance of Hornchurch RAF Aerodrome Centre in protecting London during both world wars.**

Year 6 Frozen Kingdoms

The children will learn about the history of Polar exploration. They will learn about the significance of Robert Falcon Scott and Ernest Shackleton. They will look at the sinking of the Titanic as a significant event in history.

Year 6 Kingdom of Benin

Children will learn about the ancient Kingdom of Benin, where it was, how it came to thrive and what the people there believed in. The children will explore how European invaders threatened the civilization of ancient Benin and they will explore Britain's role in the transatlantic slave trade.

Year 5 Groundbreaking Greeks

The children will learn about developments and changes over 6 periods of ancient Greek history. They will explore the lasting legacy of ancient Greece and their influence on the western world.

Year 5 Sow, Grow and Farm

The children will continue their learning of the local area, focusing on the history of Romford market which started as a sheep and cattle market in 1247.

Year 5 The Shang Dynasty

Year 5 will learn about the history of ancient China, focusing primarily on the Shang Dynasty. They will explore the achievements and lasting legacy of these ancient civilisations.

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Year 4

Year 3

Year 2

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Early Years

Key Stage 1

Key Stage 2

Year 3 Emperors and Empires

The children will continue to build on their knowledge of the local area from KS1, exploring the Roman invasion of Britain and **the significance of Colchester**. They will look at how the Roman Empire influenced Britain today, including the infrastructure of roads and buildings. They will learn about Boudica as a significant individual.

Year 3 Through the Ages

Year 3 will explore British prehistory from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. They will explore changes in lifestyle and significant discoveries and inventions from each era. **They will also look at the significant Bronze Age find in Havering (The Havering Hoard)**. They will finish with the Roman Invasion which saw the end of the Iron age.

Year 3 Rocks, relics and Rumbles

The children will continue exploring significant individuals from Year 2, this time looking at Mary Anning and her discovery of fossils. They will also look at the ancient Roman city of Pompeii which was destroyed when Mount Vesuvius erupted in AD79.

Year 4 Invasion

Year 4 will build on their learning of British history from year 3. They will explore life in Britain after the Roman withdrawal. They will learn about the Scots, Anglo-Saxon and Viking invasions up to the Norman conquest.

Year 4 Ancient Egypt

Year 4 will build on comparing and contrasting similarities and differences, learning about the achievements of this ancient civilization. They will learn about how and where the ancient Egyptians lived, the daily lives, who Tutankhamen was and how mummies were made.

Year 4 Misty Mountain, Winding River

The children will look at the history of the River Rom and its significance in developing Romford as a market town.

Our History Learning Journey

Local History
British History
World History

