

History Curriculum Overview

History is built on the Cornerstones Curriculum and taught in the autumn and summer terms. Pupils build a secure chronological framework and return to the same core concepts in increasingly complex contexts: monarchy, invasion, settlement, civilisation, empire and democracy.

Year	Autumn	Summer
Year 1	Childhood Family life today compared with childhood in the 1950s, using artefacts and sources	School Days Our school and locality, past and present; Victorian schooling compared with today
Year 2	Movers and Shakers Significant people, what makes someone significant, and their legacy	Magnificent Monarchs English and British monarchs from AD 871 to the present; how the power of the monarchy changed
Year 3	Through the Ages British prehistory from the Stone Age to the Iron Age	Emperors and Empires Ancient Rome, the Roman Empire and the Romanisation of Britain
Year 4	Invasion The Roman withdrawal; Anglo-Saxon, Viking and Norman invasions	Ancient Civilisations Ancient Sumer, ancient Egypt and the Indus Valley
Year 5	Dynamic Dynasties Ancient China, focusing on the Shang Dynasty, and the legacy of the first Chinese dynasties	Groundbreaking Greeks Six periods of ancient Greek history; Athens, Sparta and Athenian democracy; Greek achievements and legacy
Year 6	Maafa The Kingdom of Benin; Britain's role in the transatlantic slave trade; colonisation of Africa; abolition; the African diaspora and Black British history	Britain at War Causes, events and consequences of the First and Second World Wars; life for soldiers and civilians; legacy and remembrance