St Michael's C.E Primary School

History Curriculum 2024-2025

History is....

a knowledge and understanding of Britain's past and that of the wider world

Intent - At St Michael's History is...

challenging, interesting and motivating, with the aim of allowing children to talk enthusiastically about what they have learnt, with a clear understanding of historical events and how these have impacted upon today's society. The vibrant and varied curriculum ensures that pupils understand key historical concepts and can confidently articulate the place history has in their own lives, in society and in the modern world.

A Historian...

studies the passage of time and the events that happen within that period. Like a good detective, good historians are curious and ask important questions. They look for evidence such as artefacts or objects made by people in the past and use these to get as close to the truth as possible.



Spirituality Across the Curriculum

Our definition of spirituality at St Michael's CE Primary Schools

To talk about spirituality is to talk about something which is **beyond words**.

Spirituality is linked to big **questions** about the **meaning and purpose of life**; it includes ideas **relating to oneself**, **others**, **the natural world and the transcendent**

We refer to this as:

The stillness of the mind

The settling of the soul

The uplifting of the spirit

Being at one in the world and finding meaning and purpose in life. For some, but not all, this will be experienced, expressed or explained through faith or belief.

When discussing this with our pupils, we refer to spirituality as:

The way WOWS, OWS and NOWS shape me into the person that I am and will become.

Spiritual development contains many facets and it is concerned with a number of areas of an individual's life. Therefore, when developing spirituality in pupils and adults, we, in line with our distinctively Christian vision and our school's definition for spirituality, look at four key areas: self, others, transcendence (beyond), and nature.



Spirituality Opportunities

Self

Opportunities

- Encourage pupils to reflect on how their personal experiences relate to broader historical narratives. Discuss what these events mean to them and how they have shaped their identities.
- Facilitate discussions about how understanding their heritage can contribute to their sense of self. Encourage pupils to share stories and reflect on how their family history influences their values and beliefs.
- Ask pupils to choose a historical figure they admire and reflect on what qualities they would like to emulate. Discuss how these figures' values can inspire their own actions and decisions.
- Encourage pupils to reflect on how history influences their lives today. Discuss the importance of learning from the past to understand their role in the present and future.
- Facilitate discussions about the values that resonate with pupils and how these values are reflected in historical contexts.
 Encourage them to consider how they can embody these values in their own lives.

Potential Question Prompts

- How did historical figures' spiritual beliefs influence their personal growth and leadership?
- What can we learn about our own spiritual journey by reflecting on the personal struggles and triumphs of historical figures?
- How did individuals in history find spiritual strength and resilience during times of adversity?
- How have personal spiritual experiences shaped the decisions and actions of historical figures?

Others

Opportunities

- Encourage pupils to empathise with the experiences of others.

 Discuss how understanding these diverse perspectives can foster compassion and a sense of shared humanity.
- Facilitate discussions about the richness of cultural diversity and the importance of respecting and valuing different backgrounds.
 Encourage pupils to reflect on their own cultural identities and how they relate to others.
- Learn about historical figures who championed social justice, equality, or peace, such as Martin Luther King Jr., Malala Yousafzai, or Nelson Mandela. Discuss the values these figures embodied and how their actions can inspire pupils to make positive contributions to their communities. Encourage pupils to reflect on how they can embody similar values in their own lives.
- Encourage pupils to reflect on the importance of justice and equality. Discuss how understanding past injustices can motivate them to advocate for fairness and compassion in the present.

Potential Question Prompts

- How have different cultures and societies expressed compassion and spiritual care throughout history?
- What can we learn from historical interactions between different religious and spiritual groups?
- How have historical events shaped our understanding of empathy, community, and spiritual solidarity?
- How have spiritual leaders influenced social and political movements throughout history?



Transcendence

Opportunities

- History allows children to see where they fit as part of a long, continuous human story.
- To understand the emotions and efforts of others during historical events:
- To understand remarkable human achievements.
- To be inspired by important historical figures.
- Study significant historical achievements, such as the construction of
 the pyramids, the moon landing, or the abolition of slavery. Encourage
 pupils to reflect on the human spirit's capacity for greatness and
 innovation. Discuss how these achievements inspire us to strive for
 excellence and contribute positively to society.
- Read and analyse historical narratives that highlight human experiences of struggle, resilience, and triumph. Encourage pupils to connect emotionally with these stories and reflect on the shared human experience. Discuss how understanding these narratives can foster empathy and a sense of belonging to a larger human story
- Study events such as the Holocaust, colonialism, or civil rights movements, focusing on the impact of these injustices on individuals and societies. Facilitate discussions about the importance of justice, compassion, and healing. Encourage pupils to reflect on how they can contribute to creating a more just and equitable world.

Potential Question Prompts

- How have different civilizations understood and expressed the concept of the divine or a higher power?
- What role did spirituality and religion play in the lives of people during significant historical events?
- How have mystical experiences and spiritual movements influenced historical change?
- How have historical events and discoveries influenced people's understanding of the universe and their place in it?

<u>Nature</u>

Opportunities

- Learn about historical pilgrimages to natural sites.
- Study how different religions incorporate nature into their rituals and festivals.
- Discuss the role of spiritual beliefs in historical conservation efforts.
- Study the effects of colonization on the spiritual practices of Indigenous peoples, particularly their connection to the land and nature.
- Investigate historical figures who integrated scientific and spiritual perspectives.
- Examine historical agricultural festivals.

Potential Question Prompts

- How did ancient civilizations view and interact with the natural world through a spiritual lens?
- What spiritual lessons can we learn from historical approaches to nature and the environment?
- How have historical events influenced our spiritual relationship with the environment?
- How have spiritual beliefs inspired environmental conservation efforts throughout history?



St Michael's CE Primary History Curriculum 2024-2025

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year	Toys			Transport	Cas	tles
	How have toys changed over time?			How has transport changed over time?		oley Castle Like?
Уеаг 2		Significant Individuals Why were the achievements of our incredible individuals so important?			Great Fire of London Why was the Great Fire of London a Significant Event?	
Угаг З		Stone Age, Iron Age, Bronze Age Was it better to live in the Stone Age, Iron Age or the Bronze Age and Why?			Egyptians What made the Egyptians a successful civilisation?	Reign Ower Us Which Monarch had the greatest impact on life in Britain and why?
Year 4		Ancient Greek How have Ancient Greeks influence life today?	Romans How have the Romans influenced our country and culture today?			
Year 5	Mayans		Anglo Saxons	Vikings		
	How successful was the Mayan Civilisation?		How did Britain change from 410AD to 1066?	How did Britain change from 793AD to 1066?		
Year 6	WW2 What impact did the war have on Britain and the world?				The Industrial Revolution What impact did the Industrial Revolution have on Birmingham?	



Early Years Foundation Stage - Related to History

Understanding the World

Understanding the World Past and Present ELG

- · Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society;
- · Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class;
- \cdot Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling;

National Curriculum - History

Purpose of study

A high-quality history education will help pupils gain a coherent knowledge and understanding of Britain's past and that of the wider world. It should inspire pupils' curiosity to know more about the past. Teaching should equip pupils to ask perceptive questions, think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments, and develop perspective and judgement. History helps pupils to understand the complexity of people's lives, the process of change, the diversity of societies and relationships between different groups, as well as their own identity and the challenges of their time.

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The national curriculum for history aims to ensure that all pupils:

- know and understand the history of these islands as a coherent, chronological narrative, from the earliest times to the present day; how people's lives have shaped this nation and how Britain has influenced and been influenced by the wider world
- know and understand significant aspects of the history of the wider world; the nature of ancient civilisations; the expansion and dissolution of empires; characteristic features of past non-European societies; achievements and follies of mankind
- gain and deploy a historically grounded understanding of abstract terms such as 'empire', 'civilisation', 'parliament' and 'peasantry'
- understand historical concepts such as continuity and change, cause and consequence, similarity, difference and significance, and use them to make connections, draw contrasts,
 analyse trends, frame historically-valid questions and create their own structured accounts, including written narratives and analyses
- understand the methods of historical enquiry, including how evidence is used rigorously to make historical claims, and discern how and why contrasting arguments and
 interpretations of the past have been constructed
- gain historical perspective by placing their growing knowledge into different contexts, understanding the connections between local, regional, national and international history; between cultural, economic, military, political, religious and social history; and between short- and long-term timescales.

National Curriculum - Key stage 1

Pupils should develop an awareness of the past, using common words and phrases relating to the passing of time. They should know where the people and events they study fit within a chronological framework and identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods. They should use a wide vocabulary of everyday historical terms. They should ask and answer questions, choosing and using parts of stories and other sources to show that they know and understand key features of events. They should understand some of the ways in which we find out about the past and identify different ways in which it is represented.



In planning to ensure the progression described above through teaching about the people, events and changes outlined below, teachers are often introducing pupils to historical periods that they will study more fully at key stages 2 and 3. Pupils should be taught.

- changes within living memory where appropriate, these should be used to reveal aspects of change in national life
- events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally [for example, the Great Fire of London, the first aeroplane flight or events commemorated through festivals or anniversaries]
- the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements, some should be used to compare aspects of life in different periods [for example, Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria, Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong, William Caxton and Tim Berners-Lee, Pieter Bruegel the Elder and LS Lowry, Rosa Parks and Emily Davison, Mary Seacole and/or Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell]
- significant historical events, people and places in their own locality

National Curriculum - Key Stage 2

Pupils should continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British, local and world history, establishing clear narratives within and across the periods they study. They should note connections, contrasts and trends over time and develop the appropriate use of historical terms. They should regularly address and sometimes devise historically valid questions about change, cause, similarity and difference, and significance. They should construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation of relevant historical information. They should understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.

In planning to ensure the progression described above through teaching the British, local and world history outlined, teachers should combine overview and depth studies to help pupils understand both the long arc of development and the complexity of specific aspects of the content.

Pupils should be taught about:

- changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age
- the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain
- Britain's settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots
- the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor
- a local history study
- a study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066
- the achievements of the earliest civilizations an overview of where and when the first civilizations appeared and a depth study of one of the following: Ancient Sumer, The Indus Valley, Ancient Egypt, The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China
- Ancient Greece a study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world
- a non-European society that provides contrasts with British history one study chosen from: early Islamic civilization, including a study of Baghdad c. AD 900; Mayan civilization c. AD 900; Benin (West Africa) c. AD 900-1300



Progression Milestones for History

	Year	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
			Historical Ski	lle		
Chronology	To place events and artefacts in order on a timeline. To know a timeline shows how time has passed To label a timeline with words or phrases such as past, present, older, newer	To use dates as appropriate To place events and artefacts in order on a timeline and label with words or phrases such as: past, present, older and newer using dates where appropriate To label timelines with words or phrases such as: past, present, older and newer and use dates where appropriate	 To place events, artefacts and historical figures on a timeline using dates. To use dates and terms to describe events To understand the concept of change over time, representing this, along with evidence, on a time line. 	To use dates and terms to describe events •	To use dates and terms accurately in describing events. To understand the concepts of continuity and change over time, representing them, along with evidence, on a timeline.	To use dates and terms accurately in describing events. •
Historical Enquiry Sources and artefacts	 To ask questions and find answers to questions about the past. To ask questions such as: What was it like for people? What happened? How long ago? To observe or handle evidence 	 To observe or handle evidence to ask questions and find answers to questions about the past. To ask questions such as: What was it like for people? What happened? How long ago? 	 To use evidence to ask questions and find answers to questions about the past. To suggest suitable sources of evidence for historical enquiries. To understand cause and effect of 	 To use more than one source of evidence for historical enquiry in order to gain a more accurate understanding of history. To describe different accounts of a historical event, explaining some of the reasons why the accounts may differ. To compare some of 	 To give a broad overview of life in Britain To use sources of evidence to deduce information about the past. To evaluate historical opinions as to why the Mayans 'disappeared.' 	 To use sources of information to form testable hypotheses about the past. To understand that no single source of evidence gives the full answer to questions about the past. To select suitable sources of evidence,



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	 To use artefacts, pictures, stories and databases to find out about the past. To identify some of the different ways the past has been represented. 	To observe or handle evidence to ask questions and find answers to questions about the past. To use historical maps of locations	main events in history. To suggest cause and consequences of some of the main events and changes in history. To use evidence to ask questions and find answers to questions about the past. To use artefacts to find out about the past.	the times studied with those of other areas of interest around the world To compare different civilisations of the past To use evidence to ask questions and find answers to questions about the past.		giving reasons for choices. To show an awareness of the concept of propaganda and how historians must understand the social context of evidence studied. To seek out and analyse a wide range of evidence in order to justify claims about the past.
Historical Language	To use words and phrases such as: a long time ago; recently, when my parents/carers were children, years, decades and centuries to describe the passing of time.	• To use words and phrases such as: a long time ago, recently, when my parents/carers were children, years, decades and centuries to describe the passing of time.	To use appropriate historical vocabulary to communicate, including: dates; time period; era; change; chronology.	To use appropriate historical vocabulary to communicate, including; dates; time period; era; change; chronology.	• To use appropriate historical vocabulary to communicate, including: dates; time period; era; chronology; continuity; change; century; decade; legacy.	To use appropriate historical vocabulary to communicate, including: dates; time period; era; chronology; continuity; change; century; decade; legacy.
			Local and World	History		
Local History	Castles Buildings (Local area) How was Weoley Castle different in the past?					What impact did The Industrial Revolution have on Birmingham?



British		London's Burning	Stone Age	How have the Romans	What was the impact	What impact did the
History		Why was The Great Fire of London a significant historical event?	Would it be better to live in the Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age?	influenced our country and culture today?	of the Anglo-Saxon invasion of Britain? How did the invasion	war have on Britain and the world?
		Incredible Individuals Why were the	Which monarch had the greatest impact on life in Britain and why?		of the Vikings change Britain?	
World History		achievements of our incredible individuals so important?	Egyptians What made the Egyptians a successful civilization?	Ancient Greece How have the Ancient Greeks influenced life today?	Why was the Mayan civilisation successful?	
			Key themes			
Change	Toys How have toys changed over time?		Which monarch had the greatest impact on life in Britain and why?		How did the invasion of the Vikings change Britain?	What impact did The Industrial Revolution have on Birmingham?
	Our Country - Transport How has transport changed over time?		Stone Age Would it be better to live in the Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age?			
	Castles Buildings (Local area) How was Weoley Castle different in the past?					
Significance and impact		London's Burning Why was The Great Fire of London a	Egyptians What made the Egyptians a successful civilization?	How have the Romans influenced our country and culture today?	What was the impact of the Anglo-Saxon invasion of Britain?	What impact did the war have on Britain and the world?



		significant historical event? Incredible Individuals Why were the achievements of our incredible individuals so important?	Which monarch had the greatest impact on life in Britain and why?	Ancient Greece How have the Ancient Greeks influenced life today?	Why was the Mayan civilisation successful?	a. Thirdly School
			Progression of Kno	wledge		
Changes across a period of time	 To know changes that have occurred in their own lives To know the difference between toys of the past and those of today. To know what Victorian Toys were like To know how to find out about the past To know the meaning of key vocabulary To know the meaning of the word source 		 To know when each monarch reigned To know some monarchs who have ruled our country and the impact they had on Britain To know how different monarch's lives have shaped their country (Henry VIII, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II) To know that Henry VIII created the Church of England To know that Queen Victoria was the 			



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	 To know what transport was used in the past To know the difference between transport of the past and transport today To know about the development of the railways To know about the canal system To know how changes in transport have affected our lives To know the meaning of key vocabulary 		queen of the biggest empire in history. To know that Queen Victoria ruled during the industrial revolution. To know that Queen Elizabeth II is the longest reigning monarch. To know the rules of succession. To know the meaning of key vocabulary. To know the monarchs and government structures in other European countries (Journey to Europe)		,
Significant events and people	 To know when Weoley Castle was built To know why Weoley Castle was built To know how Weoley Castle has changed To know the meaning of key vocabulary 	 To know when and where the Great Fire of London happened To know why The Great Fire of London happened To know the changes that occurred as a result of the fire. To know the differences between ways of life of people at 			 To know what the industrial revolution was To know when the industrial revolution took place To know why Birmingham was a significant part of the industrial revolution To understand how



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the time of the fire, compared with today. To know how The Great Fire of London could have been different if it happened today (e.g.different materials for buildings, building regulations fire brigade) link to something the children can relate to To know that there are reasons why people in the past acted as they did. To know the meaning of key vocabulary To know when significant individuals were alive To know the names of	Birmingham changed over time To know what Birmingham was like before, during and after the industrial revolution. To know the impact of significant individuals to the industrial revolution (Matthew Boulton/James Watt) To know what working conditions were like during the industrial revolution To know the positive impact of the industrial revolution
meaning of key vocabulary To know when significant individuals were alive	conditions were like during the industrial revolution • To know the positive impact
names of significant people from the past To know the achievements and importance of Matthew Boulton	
To know the achievements and	To know when and how WW2 began



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	importance of Mary Seacole To know the achievements and importance of Rosa Parks To know the achievements and importance of Nelson Mandela To know significant events linked to the above individuals To know the meaning of key vocabulary		C.	 To know the names of countries involved in WW2 To know the names of World leaders involved in WW2 To know what the homefront was like during WW2 To know that children were evacuated and the reasons why To know some of the different experiences of evacuees To know what life was like during the Blitz To know the importance of the Battle of Britain To know the main events, and significance of D-Day To know how and when the war
				Day To know how and



British History To know when the Stone Age was To know when they came from To know when the Stone Age inventions To know the importance of Stone Age inventions To know how the introduction of farming changed Stone Age if To know how the introduction of farming changed Stone Age if To know the meaning of key vocabulary To know the key vocabulary	Stone Age was To know the difference between the Stone Age, Bronze age and Iron age To know some Stone Age To know some Stone Age To know some Stone Age Inventions To know the understand the concepts of inventions To know how the introduction of farming changed Stone Age life To know the meaning of key To know the stoneage To know when the anglo Saxons came from Britain To know why the Roman invaded Britain To know when the Anglo Saxons first invaded To know why the Anglo Saxons first invaded To know the factors that led to the fall of the Roman Empire To know how the Introduction of farming changed Stone Age life To know the Britain To know bow Britain To know when the concepts of invading and settling To know when the Roman Empire To know when the Anglo Saxons first invaded To know why the Anglo Saxons settled in Britain To know how the Romans invaded To know when the Roman Empire To know where they came from To know when the Roman Empire To know when the Anglo Saxons first invaded To know why the Anglo Saxons settled in Britain To know how the Roman Empire To know bow Britain To know how the Roman Empire To know when the Roman Empire To know who the Roman Empire To know when the Roman Empire To know
the Anglo Saxon	vocabulary To know the key vocabulary To know the role of an archaeologist to piece together information and create a picture of the past. To know similarities and differences between



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	Britain	
	To know what life	
	was like before the	
	Viking invasion	
	• To know how	
	where the Vikings	
	came from	
	To know when the	
	Vikings first	
	invaded	
	To know why the	
	Vikings first	
	invaded	
	To know why the	
	Vikings settled in	
	Britain	
	• To know that the	
	Anglo-Saxone and	
	the Vikings	
	conflicted	
	To know the	
	importance of	
	Alfred the Great	
	To know that	
	Alfred the Great	
	brought peace to	
	Britain	
	To know some	
	aspects of daily life	
	in an Viking	
	• To know the laws	
	and beliefs of the	
	Vikings	
	• To know the	
	impact of the	
	Viking invasion on	



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Ancient Civilisations and World History	To know when the Ancient Egyptian civilisation began and ended To know the social ethical, cultural and religious diversity of the Ancient Egyptians	Ancient Greeks were To know when the Ancient Greek civilisation began and ended To know that Ancient Greeks introduced democracy Ancient civilisation of the Mayans were (Ad 900). To know the location of the Ancient Mayan civilisation.
	 To know the concept of 'Ancient' by placing the Ancient Egyptians on a timeline in history. To know the beliefs of the Ancient Egyptians To know the features of the Ancient Egyptians, including ideas, beliefs, attitudes and experiences of men. 	the Ancient Greek To know that the Ancient Greeks invented the Olympics To know aspects of daily life for men, women and children in Ancient Greece To know the legacy left behind by Ancient Greece To know similarities and differences structure of Ancient Mayan Civilisation To know about the beliefs of the ancient Mayans To know similarities and differences between the religions of Ancient Civilisations and modern religions To know the





		Progression in Vocabulary	C.E. Primary School
ЕУFS	old, new, first, next	old, new, first, next	old, new, first, next
Year 1	past, present, older, newer, a long time ago; recently, when my parents/carers were children, years, decades, centuries	a long time ago, recently, when my parents/carers were children, years, decades, centuries	a long time ago, recently, when my parents/carers were children, years, decades and centuries
Year 2	past, present, older, newer, future, era, artefacts, time order	a long time ago; recently, when my parents/carers were children, years, decades and centuries, past, present, older, newer, future, era, artefacts, time order	a long time ago, recently, when my parents/carers were children, years, decades and centuries, past, present, older, newer, future, era, artefacts, time order
Year 3	time period, era, change, chronology, power, compare, contrast, influence, BC, AD, ancient civilisation	time period, era, change, chronology, power, compare, contrast, influence, BC, AD, ancient civilisation	time period, era, change, chronology, power, compare, contrast, influence, BC, AD, ancient civilisation
Year 4	time period, era, change, chronology, innovation, legacy, conquer, consequence, invasion, monarchy	time period, era, change, chronology, innovation, legacy, conquer, consequence, invasion, monarchy	time period, era, change, chronology, innovation, legacy, conquer, consequence, invasion, monarchy
Year 5	dates; time period; era; chronology; continuity; change; century; decade; legacy, rise and fall, exploration, hierarchy, bias, prejudice, oppression, empire, kingdom, rebellion, retreat	dates; time period; era; chronology; continuity; change; century; decade; legacy, rise and fall, exploration, hierarchy, bias, prejudice, oppression, empire, kingdom, rebellion, retreat	dates; time period; era; chronology; continuity; change; century; decade; legacy, rise and fall, exploration, hierarchy, bias, prejudice, oppression, empire, kingdom, rebellion, retreat
Year 6	dates; time period; era; chronology; continuity; change; century; decade; legacy, birthright, ideologies, democracy, advocate	dates; time period; era; chronology; continuity; change; century; decade; legacy, birthright, ideologies; democracy, advocate	dates; time period; era; chronology; continuity; change; century; decade; legacy, birthright, ideologies, democracy, advocate