



History Curriculum 2021 - 2022

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 5	What did the Ancient world achieve? This is a study of the Ancient Greek and Egyptian civilizations. The study explores the social, economic and political changes experienced by both civilizations but also the impact these achievements have on modern day (how they influence modern day thinking).	What has early Islam given modern day? They will compare Baghdad and London C.AD 900, but also make links with other cultures that contributed to the development of early Islam. There is a strong emphasis on children investigating issues and solving valid historical questions recognising the nature of the evidence on which their judgements and knowledge are based.	How can family teach us history? A local history study where children take one of the families which the school houses are named after. From that they will produce a project which outlines the family history, the conditions in Biggleswade and Britain at the time but also the impact that family had not only in Biggleswade but with national events.
Year 6	Elizbaethan times: Just banquets and fun? This study picks up a few hundred years after Robin Hood. It looks at the reign of Mary I and Elizabeth I (the first queens of England). It will focus on the positives and negatives of their reign, but also the changes they introduced which helped in one way or the other the development of the country.	We are the Victorians The Victorian era is synonymous for social and industrial developments in the U.K and it's Empire. In this study children will gain an understanding of the lives of rich and poor Britons changed, but also the developments which still bare a legacy in todays world.	Battle of Britain Undeniably one of the worlds largest conflicts, this study is focussed more on the impact of the war on the homefront. Pupils will witness the challenges experienced by the country at this time, the decisions made (e.g. evacuation) but also how the role of women changed further in society to help with the war efforts; particularly during the Battle of Britain.
Year 7	Contested power and land; In this unit children will gain an understanding of the social and religious changes experienced at the turn of previous millenia. They will learn about the conflicts which arose between the growing strength of Christianity and Islam, but also within Europe how some political leaders were already exercising their will and the outcomes of these actions.	Empire: Expansion and Collapse: Having recognised the growing strength of individuals and religions in 1000CE, pupils will now explore how this growing political and religious strength has allowed Empires to develop around the world, as well as the development of Britains Empire itself within the U.K. It will also outline some of the hardships faced by these Empires which did cause turmoil and in some cases collapse.	Revolutions in Religion This study oversees a change in Europe where political leaders, now having exercised their power over the people, are now beginning to exercise their power over religion. This study details the beginnings of Protestant Europe, and the consequences of such change in European politics.
Year 8	Development of State and Society in Britain: Following on from the religious changes, this study explores the political impacts of these by focussing on the English Civil War, Glorious revolution and Acts of Union. These events saw huge political changes in Britain, including the ever increasing power of the government/ parliament as a voice of the people.	British Empire - A powerful example of British superiority, this study explores whether it was exploration, trade or war which caused the Empire to grow, but also whether the British stuck to their core belief of: responsible, duty, sympathetic and self-sacrifice. Pupils will evaluate the British rule in India as well as critically reflect on the benefits of Triangular Trade.	Enlightenment in Europe: With many European countries have established Empires in the 17th and 18th centuries, this study focuses on how this power and wealth was used to benefit Europe. It is also a chance for children to understand the increasing power and confidence of the people which led to events such as the French Revolution.