History Curriculum Whole School Overview – Themes and Chronology Vocabulary

Step Back in	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Time I Term 1						
Sample Leading Questions 8 weeks	Why did the dinosaurs die out? first discovery – Willian Buckland 1824 Oxfordshire	Why was Windrush a significant part of British History?	What happened when nomadic people settled?	Why did the Mayans settle in the Yucatan Peninsula?	How did Roman culture shape Great Britain?	Who helped Britain win WWII?
Depth in History	Events beyond living memory that are significant Globally and significant people in history	Significant Historical Event A study of the impact on the Windrush generation.	Stone Age to Iron Age Britain including Local Study A study life before civilisation.	Mayan Civilisation A study into how the Mayans lived, used the land and their beliefs.	Roman culture and the impact on Great Britain British resistance, including Boudica	A study of the many people who helped Britain during the war from our own country and afar.
Concepts	Cause and effect Significance Wide chronology	Society and structures Significance Culture	Settlement Civilisations Wide chronology Hunter gatherers	Settlement Indigenous people Invasion Colonise	Culture Empire Religion Society and structures	Invasion Significance Equality
Themes	How people in History have discovered significant historical findings.	How uk/ Caribbean society has been shaped. Their legacy and hopes.	What was life like before settlements? What did it mean to be nomadic.	How Mayan legacy has inspired many historical investigations to comprehend the way of living and why they left the majestic cities.	How other people have impacted on British History – through war and other aspects	

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Time II Term 5						
Sample Leading questions	How have our homes changed over time?	How did British explorers shape our knowledge of the World?	What makes a great civilisation?	Is Democracy the Ancient Greeks Greatest Legacy?	Does invasion lead to victory?	Who Built Cheltenham?
Term 5 7 weeks	Homes through the ages.	Significant Historical People Captain James Cook Edward Wilson	Ancient Egyptians	Ancient Greeks	Anglo Saxon Settlements and Viking Invasion	Local History Study
Concepts	Wide Chronology Society and structures	Significance Indigenous people	Civilisation Society and structures	Democracy Politics	Invasion Religion Settlement	Society and structures Politics Religion
Themes	Homes Toys Equipment in kitchen	Discovery Impact on society	Nile Architecture Leaders Communication Beliefs	Democracy Beliefs Architecture Society and structures	Anglo, Saxon, Jute – where and why. Village life, homes and place names. art and culture	How has the town evolved?
Depth in History	Use artifacts, pictures and stories to find out about the past. Learn that different cultures have different homes. Language of past and present	Study of 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	The achievements of the earliest civilizations – an overview of where and when the first civilizations appeared and a depth study of one. What makes a civilisation? What are their greatest achievements and why?	A study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world	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 study over time tracing how several aspects of national history are reflected in the locality A study of an aspect of history or a site dating from a period beyond 1066 that is significant in the locality.

Chronology	Days	Y1+	+	+	+	+
vocabulary	Weeks	Recent history	AD	Period	Dark age	Significant events
	Months	Ancient history	BC	Era	Early age	Turning points in
	Years	Living memory	Chronological		Middle age	history
	Recent	Beyond living	order	Classic		
	Before	memory		Post classic periods	Empire	Continuity
	Along time a go		Stone age	Hellenistic period	Imperial	
	Past	100's and 1000's of	Bronze age			
	Present	years ago	Iron age			
	Future	Decade				
	When I was born	Century	Civilisation			
	timeline	Sequence	Empire			
		Events	Dynasty			
	Exposure to					
	decades, century	Exposure to				
	Prehistoric	AD				
	Ice age	BC				
		Chronological order				