

Curriculum Overview: History & Geography

Discovering the past, present, here, there, and now.

Our curriculum encourages children to develop key skills in History and Geography. These skills support children in understanding our world and societies. ICT, applied Maths and English skills are also embedded within each theme.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 1	Me, Myself, and I (a Victorian school child)	Mapping our World: Where on Earth are we?	Finding Antarctica: who discovered the South Pole?	Why is the UK's weather so unpredictable?	Significant People: what did they do for me?	How different is life in South Africa to my life here in the UK?
	-What is 'the past'? When was the Victorian era? -What was school like during the Victorian era? -How different was the Victorian school day to our school day?	-What are the World's continents and oceans? -Where is the UK? -Where is London?	-Where is Antarctica? -What was the 'Race to the Poles'? -What was the significance of finding Antarctica?	-Where is the UK? -What are the four seasons of the UK? -What extreme weather is experienced in the UK?	-Elizabeth I or Victoria? Whose rule was greater? -What connects Mary Seacole and Marcus Rashford? -What was the significance of William Caxton and Tim Berners-Lee's inventions?	-Where is South Africa? -What is the physical geography of South Africa like? -What is the human geography of South Africa like?
Year 2	Travelling Downstream! What key features can be found down the River Thames?	What did the discovery of Tutankhamun teach us about the ancient civilisation?	Touring the USA: Why are some places more populated than others?	London, London! What caused the Great Fire?	How different are the landscapes of the UK?	Up, Up and Away! The history of air travel
	-Where is the River Thames?	-Where is Egypt?	-What countries make up the North America?	-What was life like in London, 1666?	-What is the United Kingdom?	-How did airplanes evolve?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -What are the key parts of a river? -How are canals and rivers different? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -How was Tutankhamen discovered? -What was the significance of the discovery? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Why does population density vary across the continent? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -How did the fire start? -How significant was the event? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -What are the major rivers and mountains of the UK? -How do our landscapes teach us about the past? A study into Cheddar Gorge. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Why was it so important to fly? -What was the significance of the Space Race?
Year 3	Prehistoric Britain: what happened during the Stone Age?	Classifying Richmond: a village, town, or a city?	Stories from the Seas: The Golden Era	Our Coasts! What coastal features can be seen at Christchurch Bay?	Colonising America: what was the 'Wild West'?	Why are there lines on our globe?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -What happened during the Stone Age? -Just how significant was the Neolithic period? -How did Britain change during the Bronze Age and Iron Age? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Where is Richmond? -Why did people settle in Richmond? -How can we use an OS map to classify Richmond? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Who ruled during the Tudor period? -Why was the period known as the Golden Age? -What was the significance of the Spanish Armada? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Where is the south coast of England? -What physical features can be seen? -What human features can be seen? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Where is America? -What does colonisation mean? -Who are the Native Americans? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Is the Earth flat? -What are the Equator, the hemispheres and lines of latitude and longitude? -What are borders? A study into Russia.
Year 4	Our Diverse World: what is a biome?	Critical Times: were the Saxons really that smashing?	How are rivers constantly shaping our landscapes and lives?	What did the Romans ever do for me?	Shake and Roar: why is Italy a disaster hotspot?	Who was Empress Victoria?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -What is climate? -What are the key features of the World's biomes? -Which biome best describes our school grounds? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Where did the Anglo Saxons come from? -How did the Anglo Saxons live? -How did the Anglo Saxons change life in Britain? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -What is the water cycle? -Why do rivers grow wider as you travel downstream? -How are waterfalls, ox bow lakes and floodplains formed? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -When did the Romans invade Britain? -How did the Romans change Britain? -What was significant about Roman language, writing and numbers? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Where is Italy? -What are tectonic plates? -What are the impacts of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -When did Queen Victoria rule? -What was the British Empire? -How much did the British Empire influence the world today?
Year 5	How did trade become global? China's journey	Why is there a poppy factory in Richmond? Richmond's role in World War 1	Climate through the Ages: a study into the World's past, present, and future climate.	A long-lasting legacy: how did the Ancient Greeks influence today's world?	Following the enquiry: Is Richmond a deciduous forest?	The Shang Dynasty: what made this ancient civilisation flourish?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Where is China? -What is industrialisation? -How did China's industrialisation impact China and the rest of the world? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Why did World War 1 start? -What were the trenches? -How was Richmond Park used during the war? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -What was the World's past climate like? -What is the greenhouse effect? -What are the impacts of future climate predictions? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -When did the Ancient Greek live? -How did the Ancient Greeks influence our lives? Democracy, sporting events and mythology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -What is the enquiry process? Why is it important? -How could we follow the enquiry process to investigate our school grounds? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -How old is the Shang Dynasty? -Why were artefacts found by the Yellow River? -What did the Oracle Bones teach us about the ancient civilisation?
Year 6	Why was it necessary for children to be	Brazil: why does the government need to	How can we possibly know	Conflict at the coast! How are our	Just how cruel have we been	What challenges face our major

	evacuated to the countryside in 1939?	protect its rainforest?	about the Mayans- a civilisation that lived in the jungle thousands of years ago?	coastlines constantly changing?	throughout history? A look into the history of crime and punishment	cities in the 21st century? A study into Mumbai
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Why did World War 2 start? -How was Britain impacted by German air raids? -Who were the refugees of World War 2? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Where is Brazil? Where is the Amazon Basin? - Why does Brazil need to use its rainforests? -What are the impacts of deforestation? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -How were the Mayans discovered? -What was significant about the discovery of the Mayans? -How different were the Mayans to other ancient civilisations we have studied? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -What is coastal erosion? -How are caves, arches and stacks formed? -Why does erosion cause conflict at the coast? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -How has crime and punishment changed over time? Ancient Roman, Anglo Saxons and Tudor times. -Who is the jury? How has the jury changed over time? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Where is India? -How did India develop so quickly? -What are the impacts of India's development?