

History and Geography Subject Overview Years 1-6



	Autumn term		Spring term		Summer term	
	Driver Project: History	Geography (Key skills project)	History	Driver Project: Geography	Driver Project: History	Geography (Revision and retrieval)
Year 1	Childhood This project teaches children about everyday life and families today, including comparisons with childhood in the 1950s, using artefacts and a range of different sources.	Our Wonderful World This knowledge project teaches children about physical and human features, maps, cardinal compass points, and positional and directional language.		Bright Lights, Big City This project develops children's knowledge of key locations, transport, the Royal Family, contrasting places and events that have shaped London's past.	School Days This project teaches children about their own school and locality, both today and in the past.	Teachers use the Summer term to revise and retrieve previous learning linked to key Geographical knowledge
Year 2	Movers and Shakers This project teaches children about historically significant people who have had a major impact on the world.	Let's Explore the World This knowledge project teaches children about atlases, maps and cardinal compass points. Children carry out fieldwork, collecting primary data in their locality to answer geographical questions.		Coastline This project teaches children about the physical and human features of coastal regions across the United Kingdom, including a detailed exploration of the coastal town of Whitby, in Yorkshire.	Magnificent Monarchs This project teaches children about the English and British monarchy from AD 871 to the present day.	
Year 3	Through the Ages This project teaches children about British prehistory from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, including changes to people and lifestyle.	One Planet, our World! This knowledge project teaches children to locate countries and cities, and use grid references, compass points and latitude and longitude.		Rocks, Relics and Rumbles This project teaches children about the features and characteristics of Earth's layers, including a detailed exploration of volcanic, tectonic and seismic activity.	Emperors and Empires This project teaches children about the history and structure of ancient Rome and the Roman Empire, including a detailed exploration of the Romanisation of Britain.	
Year 4	Invasion This project teaches children about life in Britain after the Roman withdrawal.	Interconnected World This knowledge project teaches children about compass points and four and six-figure grid references. They learn about the tropics and the countries, climates and culture of North and South America.		Misty Mountain, Winding River This project teaches children about the characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges around the world.	Ancient Civilisations This project teaches children about the history of three of the world's first ancient civilisations.	
Year 5	Dynamic Dynasties This project teaches children about the history of ancient China, focusing primarily on the Shang Dynasty.	Investigating our World This knowledge project teaches children about locating map features using a range of methods. They learn about the Prime Meridian, Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), and worldwide time zones and study interconnected climate zones, vegetation belts and biomes.		Sow, Grow and Farm This project teaches children about the features and characteristics of land use in agricultural regions across the world, including a detailed exploration of significant environmental areas.	Groundbreaking Greeks This project teaches children about developments and changes over six periods of ancient Greek history, focusing on the city state of Athens in the Classical age, and exploring the lasting legacy of ancient Greece.	
Year 6	Maafa This project teaches children about Africa past and present, with a particular focus on Benin.	Our Changing World This knowledge project revises the features of Earth, time zones and lines of latitude and longitude to pinpoint places on a map. Children find out more about map scales, grid references, contour lines and map symbols. They learn about climate change and the importance of global trade.		Frozen Kingdoms This project develops children's knowledge of polar regions and interconnections of extreme ecosystems.	Britain at War This project teaches children about the causes, events and consequences of the First and Second World Wars.	

Driver projects: Termly topics that underpin and connect different areas of the curriculum that are linked to a key area of History or Geography.

Geography key skills projects:"Mini projects" carried out in the Autumn term that develop both children's Geographical knowledge and skills. They carry out fieldwork, explore maps and learn about a range of Geographical features in different projects.