

Subject Statement:

Our History curriculum is based on developing a passion for history through the development of specific knowledge and skills. We aim to teach a chronological overview of some of the key elements of British history and examine some of the key themes which shaped our society, as well as develop an appreciation of history in other countries, in line with the National curriculum.

We look to history to help our pupils to know and understand the nature of ancient civilisations; the expansion and dissolution of empires; characteristic features of past non-European societies; achievements and follies of mankind. We support pupils to 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 scaffolded and structured accounts.

Our teaching helps pupils to 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. Pupils 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.

History is taught as a Humanities subject in Lower school and often split with Geography each half term so the content is not too overwhelming. Retrieval is a key feature of the Woodfield curriculum as our learners can struggle to retain lots of information. History is used as a vehicle to further enhance the basic skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing. Assessment is through low stakes weekly quizzing and inclusive end of topic assessments which allow pupils to evidence their learning other than in paper-based tests.

	AUTUMN TERM 1	AUTUMN TERM 2	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
Orange Year 1	My family		People in the community	Visit to a local area/ Our playground past and present
Orange Year 2	The Old Toy Room (Twinkl)		Famous astronauts (Twinkl)	Transport in the past and present (Twinkl)
Cherry and Oak Year 1 KS1-2	The great Fire of London The Gunpowder plot	War and Remembrance Local History including our street Toys	Significant explorers Florence Nightingale Neil Armstrong	Travel and transport George Stephenson and the development railways
Cherry and Oak Year 2 KS2	Kings and Queens Elizabeth 1 Queen Victoria		Ancient Greece	Significant others Artists – LS Lowry Activists – Rosa Parkes Nurses – Edith Cavell
Conker Year 1 KS2	Ancient Greece The Olympics and the History of Sport		The Romans	Anglo Saxons and Scots (Sept 2026)
Conker Year 2 KS2-3	Changes in Britain from Stone Age to Iron Age (Hamilton Brookes)		Vikings (oak National)	Dunkirk Battle of Britain 1066 (Hamilton Brookes)
Willow Year 1 KS3	Medieval women: Empress Matilda (Oak National)		Tudors (Twinkl)	WW1 (Oak National)
Willow Year 2 KS3	Benin (Hamilton Brookes + Twinkl))		Industrial revolution (Oak National)	WW2 (Oak National + Hamilton Brookes)