

Why do we teach History?

- At Beechwood we teach History to help our children gain a clear understanding of how Britain and the rest of the world have come to be how they are.
- This in turn helps the children to understand where they fit in the world and how complex human lives are and what it means to be a human being.
- History helps to inspire curiosity about the world before them and around them as well as giving children the chance to try and understand what life was like through a range of experiences.
- At Beechwood we aim to give children opportunities to think in a critical way about what they have been told or shown and the reliability of the information.
- Our curriculum helps our children to interpret and make judgements based on evidence as well as being able to justify their own opinions.

How is History sequenced within our school?

- We have worked with Hampshire History Matters and Keystage History to develop our history curriculum including developing our own enquiry approach where applicable.
- History is alternated with geography and is taught in every year group over 3 half terms each year.
- It has been broken down into historical themes, enquiry, process and knowledge to help children be able to apply these across a breadth of contexts.
- Our contexts have been chosen to fit our local area including three local studies- Southampton during WW2 in Year 6, British Queens in year 5, Alfred the Great in Year 4 and Lord Carnarvon and Tutankhamun in Year 3.
- Across KS2 we have a range of contexts that link and build on each other. For example, The Roman invasion of Britain, the Saxon invasion of Britain and the Viking invasions of Britain.
- We also look at the same time periods across the world with Year 5 looking at the 'Early Islamic Golden Age'. Year, Year 4 looking at the Saxons and Viking periods and Year 3 look at Ancient Egypt.
- We have a thematic study that looks at the history of Black People in Britain in Year 6 and a thematic study in Year 5 based on successful British Queens who have navigated us through times of unrest.

What will our children learn?

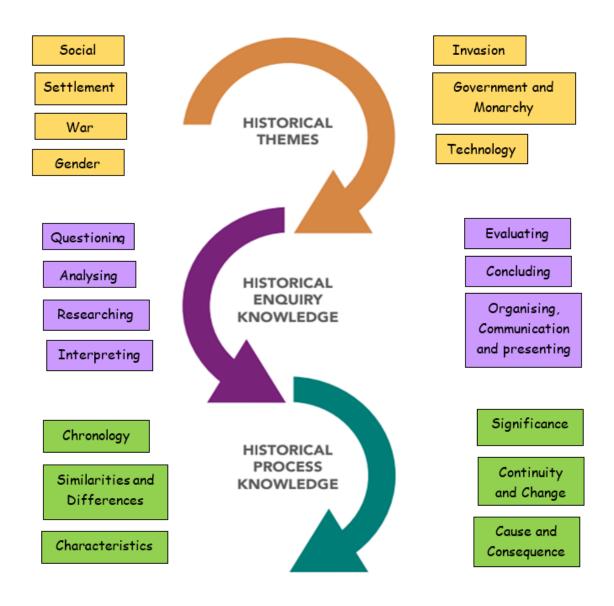
- The chronology of the history of Britain focused mainly before 1066 to help support them in their journey to KS3.
- How their local area was affected during key historical events such as World War Two
- How different people have shaped and influenced this nation and the wider world from the earliest times to the present day (this includes local studies).
- What is meant by significance and how to identify the most significant characteristics of events, places and people.
- 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 structured accounts.
- To be able to explain what historical themes had the most impact in different time periods and why this was important.
- To be able to analyse and interpret a range of information and sources for a purpose as well as being able to indicate its reliability.



•	Our history curriculum helps
	children understand the process
	of change, the diversity in
	society and the challenges that
	this brings.

- We aim to have a key question for children to answer across each context and to extend this to parents in a parent event led by the children.
- To be able to ask questions and demonstrate historical curiosity and enquiry across a range of themes and contexts.
- To gain historical perspective by using their growing knowledge to make links within history but also across the rest of the curriculum.

History Concept Map





Year 3	Process	Knowledge
Autumn	Chronology Cause/consequences Significance Potential Trip to Highclere Castle	Early civilisations and the Egyptians
Spring	Continuity and Change Chronology Cause/consequences Significance Similarities/differe nces.	Romans Impact on Britain
Summer	Continuity and Change Chronology Cause/consequences	Food and Farming from the Stone Age to the Iron Age
		e: Chronology and the world today

Year 4	Process	Knowledge
Autumn	Chronology	Settlements
	Continuity and Change	Saxons and Scots
	Cause/consequences	
	Similarities/difference	
Spring	Continuity and Change	Vikings
	Cause/consequences	Raiders or traders
	Chronology	
	Similarities/difference	
	Significance	
Summer	Continuity and Change	Vikings and Saxons
	Significance: Alfred	Local study
	Chronology	Struggle for Kingdom
	Cause/consequence	King Alfred
	Trip: Winchester or Old Sarum	
Continuous knowle	edge: Chronology and the in	npact on the world today



Year 5	Process	Theme	Year 6	Process	Knowledge
Autumn	Chronology Similarities/difference s Significance Trip: Mary Rose	Early Islamic Civilisation Golden Age	Autumn	Significance Chronology Continuity and Change Causes and Consequence	Black and British (Thematic study)
Spring	Chronology Significance Similarities and differences Continuity and Change	Ancient Greeks	Spring	Chronology Causes and Consequences. Significance Similarities/ differences Continuity and Change	Southampton in WW2 (Blitz-Spitfire-port- hospital) Local Study
Summer	Similarities/difference Chronology Significance Continuity and Change	Queens of Change: A thematic study of 3 British Queens	Summer and the impact on the wor	Chronology Cause & Consequences Characteristics Continuity & Change Historical Significance & Inquiry	Maya (Non-European society that provides contrast with British History)



History Progression Document

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Develop a chronological u	inderstanding of people, ev	vents, periods or civilisation	ons studied.	
Understand historians use dates to describe events. Use and understand common phrases to describe intervals of time e.g. before, after, at the same time.	Use and understand phrases such as over 100 years ago Understand and correctly use terms AD/BC. [Iron Age, Bronze Age, Neolithic Period, Roman Invasion, Early Civilisations, Ancient Egyptians, and their duration]	Start to identify and understand that historical periods overlap. Understand that historical periods vary in duration. Use precise chronological vocabulary e.g. century, decade [Comparison of Roman and Viking invasions of Britain including the duration of	Accurately place civilisations in chronological order and state where they overlap. Understand that key historical changes may have occurred differently in different historical societies and at different times [Duration of Ancient Greek Civilisation, compare to what they have previously learned	Accurately place civilisations in Britain and across the world in chronological order. Can compare duration of events, people, periods or civilisations studied. [Place in context of prior learning, compare duration of World War II to other wars and different periods studied. Develop a
		Alfred's reign. Identify the different nature and impact of each invasion]	about ancient civilisations. Understand the chronology of the monarchy of England and within different individual timelines.]	chronological understanding of the slave trade and when it ended.]
Identify characteristic f	eatures of events, people	, periods or civilisations s	tudied.	
Recognise and describe characteristic features of a person or period studied in simple terms.	Describe the main features associated with an event, person, period or civilisation studied mainly using period specific language.	Provide simple explanations that not everyone in the past lived in the same way and why. Make a judgement on what the most significant feature of a period studied is.	Understand that different civilisations have important similarities. Begin to discuss and identify the links between significant characteristics of the current period of study with periods previously studied.	Explore connections between events, people, periods or civilisations studied with reference to specific examples or case studies.



	[Identifying the significant features of the Iron Age, Stone Age, Bronze age, Ancient Egyptians and Roman Britain]	[Compare Saxon and Viking society, compare Saxon Britain vs. Roman/ Celtic Britain.]	[Look at key features of Greek society (e.g. democracy, Olympics, theatre, philosophy), compare significant features/ legacy of Ancient Greece to Egyptians or Ancient Islamic civilisation. What was the key characteristics of the 3 Queen's reigns? Why was this different to other monarchs?)	Identify significant characteristics of periods studied and consider whether they can still be seen within society today. [Characteristics of World War II within Southampton and its impact of the people of Southampton e.g. rationing, women's roles, evacuation, Southampton's war efforts]
Continuity and change - c	develop an understand that	t change does not happen	universally or at a consist	ent rate
Able to talk about similarities between two time periods excluding modern life.	Describe some changes in history over a period of time. Identify some things that stayed the same over a period of time studied. [Identify what changed (e.g. road structure and leadership) and what stayed the same after the Romanisation of Britain (e.g. farming)]	Describe, with examples, a range of 'change points' in history where some things have changed but some have stayed the same. Explain why changes in different places might be connected. [Vikings settlements, Alfred the Great's reign e.g. battles, relationships with Vikings, Opposition to Alfred the Great's reign]	Provide simple explanations as to why change occurred during particular periods. Understand that there are often many reasons that contribute to causing a change. Understand and comment on the idea that change affects different people in different ways. [Legacy of Ancient Greeks compared to modern day (Olympics, democracy etc) Early Islamic 'golden age' compared to the 'dark ages' in Britain]	Understand that changes in different places can still be connected. Have an overview of things that are continuous through history e.g. monarchy, war, politics. Have an overview of significant changes in history and the impact of these [Explore the impact of World War II on Southampton and the rate of change during and immediately after the war e.g. buildings, docks, employment, women's roles]



Cause and consequence -	develop an understanding	that changes in the past	often result from several	factors. The
•	anges effect a variety of			
Describe in simple terms what happened 'before' or 'after' an event.	Describe the cause and consequence of an event. Offer more than one example of a consequence of a significant historical event. [Why Romans invaded Britain, resistance to Romans, the impact of the Romans leaving Britain]	Describe, with simple examples beyond human action, different types of causes for a significant historical event. [Impact of Viking settlement, Alfred's legacy, opposition to Alfred's leadership]	Compare long and short-term consequences of significant historical events. [Reasons behind the development of significant characteristics of Ancient Greek society e.g. Olympics, democracy. The impact of the 3 different Queen's reigns on Britain, why there was an early Islamic 'golden age' and why it did not last forever]	Link cause and consequence of complex historical events. Understand that multiple causes can be linked and therefore make an event more likely to occur. [Why was Southampton a focus for enemy attacks? What were the consequences of this for Southampton? Data such as death rates, evacuation levels and bombing locations]
_	develop an understanding		•	· •
	ther wide spread or lasted		1	
Recognise and talk about who was important in a topic studied.	Understand that for an event, person, period or civilisation to be considered significant it has to have resulted in change.	Understand what the significance of something can reveal about the period studied.	Use criteria provided to make judgements as to the significance of an event, person, period or civilisation studied.	Make a judgement about the historical significance of an event, person, period or civilisation studied through relevant, self-made criteria.
	Understand change to mean consequence for people at the time.	[Assessing Alfred's legacy - was he deserving of title of 'Great', assess if Alfred's legacy and impact effects modern life	Begin to look at significance of events in relation to how they affect modern life.	Recognise that judgement of historical significance varies over time due to the interpretations of the people
	[Impact of the Roman invasion on Britain e.g.	Why and how does Alfred link to our locality?]	[Look at significant features of Ancient Greek society	analysing evidence.



	technology, roads, architecture, politics, settlement, Why is Highclere Castle and Lord Carnarvon a significant part of local history?]		(language, politics, education), compared to Ancient Egyptians (e.g. agriculture) or ancient Islamic civilisations (e.g. maths) Why are these 3 Queens significant historical figures?)	[How important was Southampton to war efforts? Who was most effected by the war in Southampton? What was the long term significance of the war on Southampton?]
•	– building an understandir	•	•	•
	nce available about a perso	on, period or civilisation a	nd the view of those that	developed the
interpretation.				
Identify and discuss	Identify differences between	Understand that history is	Understand that different	Understand that history is a
differences in accounts about	different versions of the	always subject to change - if	accounts of the past emerge	construct of many
people or events from	same event.	new evidence is found, it must	for different reasons -	interpretations and that
contemporary sources and	Cive simula combonations of	be revised.	recognise that different	there can be no single version.
modern source	Give simple explanations of why there might be more	[Range of sources both	people place emphasis on different things due to their	Begin to question
	than one version of events.	contemporary and secondary that review Alfred's legacy	own opinions or experience.	interpretations based on the evidence that was used to
	[Compare different accounts	and reign – explore the	Understand that some	support them or the motives
	relating to the Roman invasion	concept of 'The Dark Ages']	interpretations of history are	of the individual presenting
	e.g. the defeat of Boudicca, Celtic or Roman, soldier vs.		more reliable than others.	their interpretation.
	civilian]			[Range of specific sources
	_		[Explore and debate the view	about Southampton during
			that all Ancient Greek	World War II]
			developments were positive	
			e.g. Impact of democracy on	
			women	
			Who was the most significant	
			British Queen and why?	
			Which invention had the	
			biggest impact on the world	
			(Early Islamic Civilisation)]	

Ancient Egypt?]

Historical Enquiry - Developing an increasingly sophisticated use of historical skills and the ability to communicate the findings of historical study

f historical study				
Gather information from	Describe, in simple terms,	Can describe a source,	Ask perceptive questions	Can formulate and investigate
simple sources to ask and	important information about	including its origins and	about an event, person, period	own hypothesis after
answer questions about	the past that is revealed in a	purpose, using own knowledge	or civilisation studied.	selecting appropriate
the past.	source.	of periods and civilisations		information from sources.
		studied.	[A range of written and	
Explain actions and events	Recognise that the absence		pictorial sources related to	[Range of specific sources
in history instead of just	of a certain source can make	[Viking invasions, Saxon	Ancient Greek life exploring	about Southampton during
recounting a story.	it difficult to draw correct	Britain, Alfred the Great's	reliability and validity]	World War II]
	conclusions.	reign]		
	[Compare the imbalance			
	between Roman and Celtic			
	sources and reasons for this,			
	Looking at different sources			
	on Ancient Egypt- what do			
	these tell us about life in			



Sticky Knowledge

Year 3	
Autumn	Earliest Civilisations and the Ancient Egyptians
	 I can explain where the Ancient Egyptians fit on a timeline, where they were located and what else was going on across the world. I can name another Ancient Civilisation that was happening at a similar time to the Ancient Egyptians in a different part of the world. I can identify key characteristics about the Ancient Egyptians and how they lived. I can explain the differences between the social statuses and roles in Ancient Egypt. I can explain what was significant about the Egyptian afterlife. I can explain the process of mummification and why it was important. I can give examples of things that might have been buried with Ancient Egyptians and explain their importance. I know who Lord Carnarvon was and how he is connected to my local area.
	 I can give details about the discoveries of Howard Carter I know who Tutankhamun was and give reasons about why he was important.
	I can explain how historians and archaeologists can use artefacts to explain life in the past.
Spring	 Roman Invasion I can explain the key developments during the Iron Age. I can explain the difference between BC and AD. I can give reasons about why the Romans invaded Britain. I can explain the difference between an invasion and a battle. I can give details about three Roman Invasions of Britannica (BC55, BC54 - Julius Caesar and AD 43- Claudius). I know that the Romans ruled Britain between 43 AD and 410 AD. I can explain the key characteristics of life in Britain during the Roman era. I can explain that different responses to the Roman invasion including the Picts and Boudicca rebellion. I can explain the impact of the Roman invasion on Britain.
Summer	 Food and Farming from the Stone Age to the Iron Age I can explain the difference between BC and AD. I can sequence the Neolithic, Bronze and Iron ages and I know how long they lasted. I can explain how people hunted and gathered food before the Stone age. I can explain how farming and food developed in the Stone Age. I can explain how farming and food improved during the Bronze Age.



I can explain what a century is.

Year 4	
Autumn	Saxon Invasions I can explain when the Romans left Britain and give an example of other Empires across the world. I know where different Saxons (Angles, Saxons, Jutes) came from and why they came to England. I can list some push/pull reasons for the Saxon invaders and settlements. I can name the different peoples, where they came from and where they settled. I can explain the influence that Saxon life had on modern Britain. I can name the kingdoms. I can talk about the legacy of the Saxons. I can give examples of what life was like in Saxon Britain I can interpret different sources and say what it teaches us about Saxon Britain I can explain what causes and consequences I think are the most important during the Saxon time period. I can sequence key events in chronological order
Spring	Viking Invasions I know that the Vikings first came to Britain in 793 AD and settled in 850AD. I know that the original meaning of the word Viking was raider or looter. I know that the Vikings were from Scandinavia which is now known as Norway, Sweden and Denmark. I can explain where the Vikings fit into Britain's timeline. I can give examples of what the Vikings traded around the world. I know that Vikings used longboats to travel long distances. I can explain why the Vikings came to Britain and why this was significant. I can give reasons why the Vikings wanted to stay in Britain. I can give examples of artefacts that have been found in Britain that tell us about how the Vikings lived. I can give examples of what was similar and what was different between the Viking and Saxon raids.
Summer	 Alfred the Great - a local study I can chronologically place Alfred the Great's reign during the Saxon Era. I can explain who Alfred the Great was.



I know important characteristics of Alfred's life and their significance.
I can give reasons for why King Alfred was called Alfred the Great.
 I can explain what changed and what stayed the same during Alfred's reign.
I can explain what the difference is between historical fact, interpretation and legend.
 I can use historical evidence to explain my interpretation of whether Alfred was truly a great King.

Year 5	
Autumn	Early Islamic civilisations
	I can accurately place civilisations in chronological order and state where they overlap.
	I can explain when and where the early Islamic civilisation developed.
	I can give reasons for why Baghdad became a major world power.
	I can explain what the House of Wisdom was.
	 I can give examples of different areas of science and inventions that advanced during this time.
	I can name some important Islamic scholars.
	 I can give examples of significant inventions during this time.
	 I can explain what impact the inventions during this time had on our modern society.
	I can compare the similarities and differences between the Early Islamic Civilisation and Britain at the same time.
Spring	Ancient Greeks
	• I can give examples of reliable evidence sources that historians and archaeologists use to learn about an Ancient Civilisation.
	 I can explain how the physical geography of Greece impacted the way the Ancient Greek civilisation developed.
	 I can explain why historians have to use a 'most likely' approach when interpreting visual sources (pots) from Ancient Greece.
	 I can give examples of what a primary source is and explain why these sources are usually a 'reliable' source.
	 I can interpret evidence from a primary source and interpret a 'most likely' answer about what this source is telling us.
	 I can explain the main characteristics of everyday life in Ancient Athens.
	I can explain the main characteristics of everyday life in Ancient Sparta.
	 I can give examples of similarities and differences in how the Ancient Athenians and Ancient Spartans lived.
	 I can use my research and evidence that I have gathered to explain my historical opinion.



	I can explain three different ways the Ancient Greeks changed the world.	
	I can name three different concepts, ideas or inventions that came from Ancient Greece	
	I can use my knowledge to suggest how the world might be different today if the Ancient Greeks legacy was different.	
Summer	Queens of Change: A thematic study of Three British Queens	
	I can explain why the British monarchy has been important throughout British history.	
	 I can give examples of the different types of monarchy in the modern world. 	
	I can explain what is meant by turbulent times.	
	I can give examples of periods of significant change.	
	I can put specific British monarchs in chronological order.	
	I can explain which 3 monarchs have had the longest reigns in British history.	
	• I can explain why Queen Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II are significant historical figures in Britain.	
	I can explain how Queen Elizabeth I brought stability to Britain after the reformation.	
	I can explain how Queen Victoria brought stability to Britain throughout the industrial revolution.	
	I can explain how Queen Elizabeth II used the technological revolution to connect and stabilise the country.	
	I can analyse and interpret evidence to answer a historical question and to support my opinions.	

Year 6	
Autumn	Black and British
	 I know that the first Black people in Britain were part of the Roman Army. I can select the evidence to explain why something is historically significant. I can explain why there were no Black people in Britain between the Romans and Tudors. I know why there were only a few hundred black people living in Britain during Tudor Times. I can interpret sources and explain whether they are reliable or not. I can explain why the transatlantic slave trade worked to Britain's benefit, as one of the world's biggest slave-trading nations. I can explain the impact that the slave trade had across the globe. I can explain how Black Activists ended the slave trade in Britain in 1807. I can give reasons to explain why Black people in Britain wanted to enlist during WW1 and WW2. I can explain why Black people were frustrated after the war and explain that there was prejudice against them.
	I can explain what the 'Windrush' generation are and why they came to Britain.



	I can explain the significance of learning black British history and the impact it has on Britain today.
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Spring	Southampton during World War Two
	I can explain where World War Two is placed within the chronology of Britain.
	I can discuss significant events during World War Two and who was involved.
	 I can give examples of how the war impacted children and women during the war.
	 I can explain what life was like for children in Southampton during World War Two.
	I can explain what impact the blitz had on Southampton
	I can explain to explain why Southampton was a target during World War Two.
	 I can interpret different sources to give examples of how different people felt about the war.
	• I can evaluate different sources and explain why the author's perspective, experience and motives might make them unreliable.
	 I can explain why the Royal Victoria Hospital Netley was important during World War Two.
Summer	<u>Maya</u>
	I can place the Maya civilisation chronological within world history I have studied so far
	I can locate and consider how their geographical location impacted the Maya
	I can understand the challenges that archaeologists encounter to study the Maya
	 I can use artefacts (primary and secondary) to explore and interpret information about the Maya
	I can interpret sources to determine how the Maya civilisation changed over time
	I can explore how the beliefs and religious views impacted daily Maya life
	I can understand the significance certain food had on the Maya way of life and its role today
	I can enquiry and attempt to replicate the sophisticated writing and Maths language of the Maya