

Thematic Curriculum Long Term Plan

Cycle A		Autumn	Spring	Summer	
Year 1 and 2	To Infinity and Beyond		Inferno	Buckets and Spades	
	A study about the wider world including the moon and planets. We look at significant individuals such as Neil Armstrong and the impact he had on our world today, Women in space and the Space race itself.		A study into the significant event of the Great Fire of London, how it all began and how we know about it thanks to the diaries of Samuel Pepys.	A comparison study about life by the sea in Victorian times compared to now. Children learn about safety by the sea, Artists inspired by the sea, and the way the seaside has changed since Victorian times.	
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Year 3 and 4	Temples, Tombs and Treasures		Zhongguo! (China)	Conquered- Under Attack	
	An ancient civilisation study of Egypt. Children will explore the life and times 4000BC - 3*8/00AD. They will understand the role of an archaeologist and learn that this is how we know about the ancient past. We look at significant individuals such as Howard Carter and several Egyptian Pharaohs.		China - a contrasting locality study looking at the human and physical geography as well as differences in each compared to the UK. We explore the life and times of in Ancient China, as well as investigating China today. Ancient civilization study of The Shang Dynasty.	An in depth history study about the life and time of the Romans, as well as an introduction to Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings, and how the things they implemented now still effect modern life.	
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Year 5 and 6	Britain at War		Chocolate	We are Walsall! (Year 5)	Titanic
	An in-depth history study about how Britain has been involved in conflict with countries in the world during WW1 and WW" and how war's impact has shaped our country.		Geography meets history in a study of chocolate. Children will be investigating were cocoa plants grow, Where chocolate originated, what chocolate has been used for through history and how it goes from plant to product including Aztec and Amazon.	A local study looking at the area we live in and its historical trade links such as leather, coal mining and other industries.	This topic explores the titanic; Why it was important in history, how different classes were treated and what lessons can be learned from the disaster. Pupils will handle sources including census information and learn about bias and reliability when looking at different sources.

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Cycle B	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 1 and 2	Family Album	Penguins, Possums and Polar Bears	Blooming Marvellous
	A study of the human body, our senses and the families we live in. Look of our address before exploring houses and homes.	A geography focus of hot and cold places with a study on Australia and The Poles. Australia - looking at the location through maps and atlases, weather, culture, animals and their habitats. The Poles - investigating weather and climate changes, contrasting environments and animal habitats including the Polar regions	Investigating how and where our food grows. Looking at contrasting environments and how these impacts on how plants grow.
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Year 3 and 4	The Land Before Time	Powerful Planet	Pioneers
	This unit focuses on the prehistoric world and investigates dinosaurs including researching why they became extinct. The unit then moves into studying the beginning of British history, focusing on the early hunter-gatherers and farmers, religion, technology and the early humans in the Stone Age.	A theme that focuses on the physical power of the earth including rivers, mountains, floods, droughts, earthquakes and volcanoes. Includes a study of the rivers in the British Isles. We will also look at how we can look after and protect our powerful planet	This theme looks into the great engineers, philanthropists, scientists, artists and designers who were at the forefront of their fields. It centres around the Victorian period of history and looks at the lives of people such as; Thomas Edison, William Morris, Isambard Kingdom Brunel, Alexander Graham Bell and the Industrial Revolution.
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Year 5 and 6	Gun powder, Treason and Plot	It's All Greek to Me!	Africa
	An in-depth history study about the Tudors and Stuarts, including the gunpowder plot. Henry Tudor is the main focus of this unit that investigates him and his six wives, his power over the churches of England and how the power of Britain grew with exploration of other lands.	An ancient civilisation study looking at the differencing city states of Ancient Greece and the impact of their ideas on today's society. This topic also takes the opportunity to look at modern-day Greece as a European county study.	Africa is one continent but many countries. This theme looks at the contrasts of this huge continent and begin to investigate its climate, people and the history of key figures such as Nelson Mandela and his fight against apartheid.