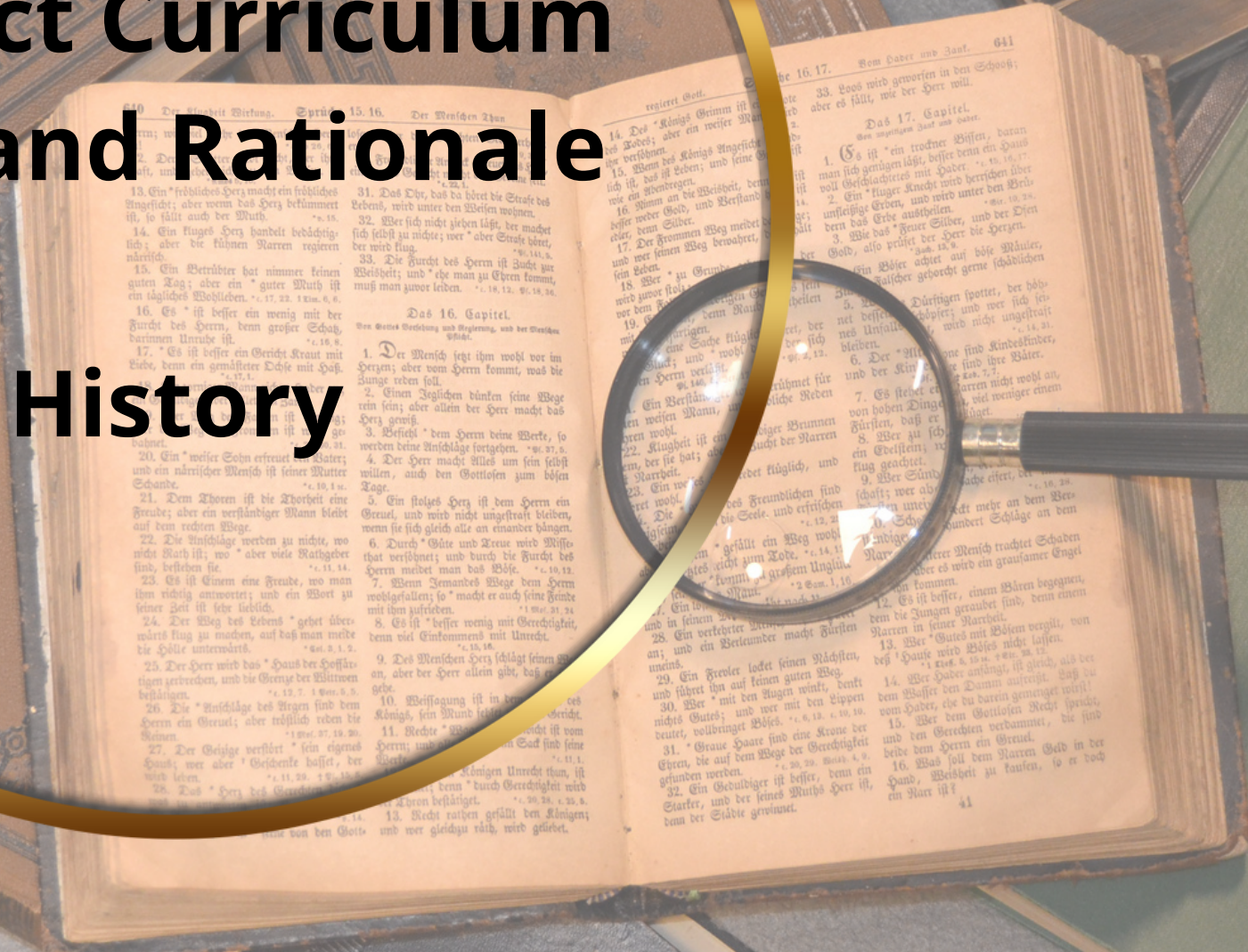




Subject Curriculum Map and Rationale

History



History in the Early Years Foundation Stage

EYFS	Development Matters 3&4 Years will learn to:	Development Matters Children in Reception will learn to:	Statutory Framework Early Learning Goals
<p>Communication</p>			<p>Speaking Express their ideas and feelings about experiences using full sentences, including use of past, present and future tenses and making use of conjunctions, with modelling and support from their teacher</p>
<p>Maths</p>	<p>Begin to describe a sequence of events real and fictional using words such as first, then...</p>		
<p>Understanding the world</p>	<p>Begin to make sense of their own life story and family's history. Understand the key features of the lifecycle of a plant and an animal.</p>	<p>Comment on images of familiar situations in the past. Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past.</p>	<p>Past and Present Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society. Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling.</p>
<p>Topics</p>	<p>Autumn</p>	<p>Spring</p>	<p>Summer</p>

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	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 1		Discovering History		Kings, Queens, and Leaders		Parliament and Prime Ministers
Year 2		Romans in Britain		The Tudors		Powerful Voices
Year 3	Stone Age to the Iron Age	Ancient Egypt	The Anglo Saxons, Scots, and the Vikings		Law and Power (1154-1272)	The Wars of the Roses
Year 4		Ancient Greece	Life in Ancient Rome	The Rise and Fall of Rome	The Stuarts	
Year 5	Baghdad c.900 CE	The Early British Empire	The French Revolution	The Transatlantic Slave Trade	The Industrial Revolution	The Victorian Age
Year 6	World War I	The Suffragettes	The Rise of Hitler and World War II	World War II and the Holocaust	The Cold War	The History of Human Rights

History Rationale

Our curriculum is knowledge rich and coherently sequence, developed using the curriculum map from Primary Knowledge Curriculum combined with subject leader expertise and elements of the Cornerstone Curriculum to ensure the best possible curriculum to meet the needs of all of our pupils.

Our history curriculum allows children to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of local, British and world history. The substantive knowledge taught in the curriculum has been carefully chosen and sequenced using a largely chronological approach. Each unit of work should not be viewed as a stand-alone topic, but as a chapter in the story of the history of Britain and the wider world. In this sense, the chronological approach provides a solid framework, anchoring each unit within a wider narrative.

Children will be able to understand the causes of significant national and global events, (such as World War I), when they have some background knowledge of what happened before (such as the origins and growth of European empires, including the British Empire). Knowledge of substantive concepts and disciplinary concepts have been interleaved across the curriculum, allowing children to encounter and apply these in different contexts.

From year to year, unit to unit, lesson to lesson, the curriculum supports children in making connections and building upon prior substantive and disciplinary knowledge. For example, the children develop a secure understanding of 'monarchy' in Britain. They begin to learn about British monarchs in Year 1, and build upon their knowledge of monarchy in British society throughout the curriculum, looking at the reigns of significant monarchs such as Henry II, Henry VIII and Queen Elizabeth I, with a focus on understanding the transition from the autocratic and unlimited power of early monarchs to the limited constitutional role of contemporary British monarchs. Each British history unit allows children to add to their understanding of 'monarchy' in Britain, the impact it had on the lives of the British people, and analyse the significance and legacy of each monarch.



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The content in the curriculum ensures children have a secure overview of a period, before studying aspects in more depth. While many of the units are 6 weeks long, some units are longer, ensuring children secure the complexities of the content and have more time to study the period in more detail.

Each year, the children will study at least one unit of British history, looking at significant 'turning points' that help children understand modern Britain (for example, the sealing of the Magna Carta in 1215, the 'break with Rome' during the reign of Henry VIII, the 'Glorious Revolution' of 1688 and the building of the British Empire).

When the children learn about the Victorians in Year 5, they look at Queen Victoria as a monarch, the British Empire during her reign and legal reforms, before using sources to understand how the political context affected the lives of ordinary Victorian people in Britain.

Children begin by learning about what a historian does, looking at basic sources and simplified perspectives to develop an appreciation and understanding of what it means to be a historian. As their substantive knowledge grows, children will be able to ask perceptive questions, analyse more complex sources and begin to use their knowledge to develop perspective. Disciplinary concepts, such as continuity and change, cause and consequence and similarity, difference and significance, are explored in every unit, and children are supported to think outside of their current unit of work and apply these concepts across the curriculum.



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In addition to learning about British and local history, the children will also learn about the history of the wider world. Some of these units, such as the units on The Early British Empire and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, will look at the influence that Britain had on the wider world, and how the wider world has influenced Britain. All of these units are studied to provide an understanding of the history of the wider world and our place within it.

The curriculum aims to ignite children's love for history, preparing them with essential knowledge for Key Stage 3 and beyond. The curriculum also aims to introduce the children to a wide variety of men, women and children from the past.

