

History Curriculum ENQUIRY QUESTIONS

2024 - 2025

EARLY YEARS FRAMEWORK

Reception	Understanding the World		Comment on images of familiar situations in the past. Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past
ELG	Understanding the World	Past and Present	 Talk about the lives of 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.

NATIONAL CURRICULUM PROGRAMME OF STUDY

Key Stage 1 National Curriculum Expectations

Pupils should be taught about:

- changes within living memory. Where appropriate, these should be used to reveal aspects of change in national life;
- events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally [for example the Great Fire of London, the first aeroplane flight or events commemorated through festivals or anniversaries];
- the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. Some should be used to compare aspects of life in different periods [for example Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria, Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong, William Caxton and Tim Berners-Lee, Pieter Bruegel the Elder and LS Lowry, Rosa Parks and Emily Davison, Mary Seacole and/or Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell];
- significant historical events, people and places in their own locality.

Key Stage 2 National Curriculum Expectations

Pupils should be taught about:

- changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age;
- the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain;
- Britain's settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots;
- the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor;
- a local history study;
- a study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066;
- the achievements of the earliest civilizations an overview of where and when the first civilizations appeared and a depth study of one of the following: Ancient Sumer; The Indus Valley; Ancient Egypt; The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China;
- Ancient Greece a study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world; Ancient Egyptians
- a non-European society that provides contrasts with British history one study chosen from: early Islamic civilization, including a study of Baghdad c. AD 900; Maya civilization c. AD 900; Benin (West Africa) c. AD 900-1300.

HISTORY OVERVIEW:

YEAR GROUP	TOPIC/THEME	KEY ENQUIRY QUESTIONS
Reception Who is in my family and how have I changed? What do stories tell us about the past? How can we celebrate and remember special events?	Me and my family Traditional Tales Seasons and Celebrations	Why am I special? How have I changed? Who is in my family? What is 'the past'? What do stories tell us about the past? Why do we have fireworks?
Year 1 How are our lives different from the past? What was 'The Great Fire of London'?	Changes within living memory - houses and homes Local history - houses and homes around Doncaster	Why do people wear poppies? What do houses and homes look like now? Do old and new houses and homes look the same in Doncaster? What old buildings can I see in Doncaster? What materials are used and have been used to build homes?
How dies sequencing events help us piece together the past?	Events beyond living memory – Great Fire of London Significant individuals – Samuel Peeps Chronology– explore through fiction stories and poems.	How/Why, did the houses burn so quickly in The Great Fire of London? Who was Samuel Peeps and how is he connected to The Great Fire of London?
KEY VOCABULARY: YEAR 1	Homes/Buildings Modern homes- Detached Semi-detached Bungalow Flat Terraced Local area- Locality/Local area Neighbourhood Community Doncaster Town Village Old homes- Victorian Tudor Middle Ages Castle Building features- Wood Glass Brick Stone Timber Compare and contrast- Comparison, similarities, differences, past, present Alternative homes- Cottage, barge, castle, palace, mansion, boat	
CONCEPTS:	Homes Settlements Social class (ric	h/poor) Community
Year 2 How has transport changed over time?	Changes within living memory: history of transport. Significant National/global events.	How has transport changed over time? Who were some important people in the history of transport? What did the first cars look like?
Why did the railways come to Doncaster during the Victorian era?	Local study, Doncaster railway development and decline, Sir Nigel	Why is Doncaster important in the history of the railways? Why is there an aircraft museum next to our school? Why is there an airport in Doncaster?
Why is there an aircraft museum next to our school?	Gresley, RAF Doncaster.	How did people travel long distances before aeroplanes were invented?

	How do astronauts get to space?				
KEY VOCABULARY: YEAR 2	Types of Transport: Car Aeroplane Sh General transport: Railways Airport History of transport: Steam Engine				
CONCEPTS:	Travel Transport Journeys Explo	ration Migration Inventions			
Year 3	Know there are 4 civilisations which are believed to be the earliest: Ancient	Who were the earliest civilisations? Where were these communities?			
What is an ancient civilisation and how did influence at a local and global level?	Egypt, Indus Valley, Sumer (Mesopotamia Modern Iraq), Shang dynasty China.	How/why were these civilisations successful? How/why did these civilisations decline?			
From Stone to Iron, how did changes in technology influence lives in Ancient Britain? Who were the Ancient Egyptians and what were their achievements?	Know that Prehistory includes the Stone Age, the Bronze Age and the Iron Age. Know how to place these periods along a timeline.	Who lived in Britain thousands of years ago? How did they live? What was important to these early British civilisations? How did technological discoveries influence daily lives?			
Who were the Ancient Greeks, and how have they influenced today's Western World?	Ancient Egypt Know what everyday life was like for Ancient Egyptians: the structure of society, life of a pharaoh, scribe, crafts person and farmer. Know that hieroglyphics are Ancient Egyptian writing. To know where archaeologists have discovered hieroglyphics. To know about tomb paintings, papyrus, Rosetta Stone.	Who were the Ancient Egyptians? Why was the River Nile so important to the Ancient Egyptians? How was Egyptian society structured? What was life like in Ancient Egyptian times? What is papyrus and how was it made? What religion did the Ancient Egyptians follow? What did Ancient Egyptians believe happened after you had died? Why was the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb so important in history? Should Tutankhamun's tomb have been left undisturbed?			
	Ancient Greece Know that the Ancient Greece Civilisation had many achievements and some still influence the western world today.	Who were the Ancient Greeks? What were the city states? How and where can we spot Ancient Greek culture in our modern day world?			
	Maya Civilisation Know about some key aspects of Maya culture- writing, numbers, architecture, astronomy, agriculture. Know that the Popol Vuh is a collection of myths and stories that help us understand Maya religion.	Who were the Ancient Maya and where did they live? What evidence do we have, primary and secondary of this ancient civilisation and how can we use it? Why is the Popol Vuh so important?			
KEY VOCABULARY: YEAR 3		Agriculture River Nile Desert plough Flooding Irrigation			

CONCEPTS: Y3	Hieroglyphs/Hieroglyphics Scribe Phara	oddess Canopic jars Sarcophagus Archaeologist en Itza Codex Glyph opolis Zeus	
	Kingdom Religion		
Year 4	The Romans	Who were the Romans?	
What/When was the Roman Empire?	Know the foundation of the Roman	Which countries were taken over by the Romans?	
	Empire: story of Romulus and Remus.	How diverse was the Roman Empire?	
Why was the Roman Empire so powerful?	Know the extent of the Roman Empire	What religion did the Ancient Romans follow?	
When did the roman Empire invade Britain and what did	before it invaded Britain, (use maps,		
they come here?	timelines).	When did the Romans invade Britain?	
	Learn how diverse the Roman Empire	Why did the Romans invade Britain?	
What impact did the Romans have on British culture and	was. Trade, conflict. Utilise primary and	How were Roman armies organised?	
society?	secondary sources.	Why did Hadrian build a wall?	
		Who was Boudicca?	
Can we still see the legacy of Roman occupation in	Know when and the reasons why the	What was life like in Roman Britain?	
Britain today?	Romans invaded Britain. Use the Roman Geographer Strabo's account of Britain.	What impact did the Romans have on Britain?	
	Know what the Romans achieved that is	What evidence can we see of the Romans in Britain today?	
	still significant today.	How does architecture demonstrate that a settlement has Roman origins?	
	Architecture, food, Latin, Roman		
	numerals, roads, technology- central	How have the Romans influenced our life style today?	
	heating, aqueducts, postal service.		
KEY VOCABULARY: YEAR 4	Chronology Empire Invasion Invade Religion Mythology myths Aqueduct Gladiator Chariot Standard Legion	Amphitheatre Mosaic Army Temple Villa Shield	
CONCEPTS: Y4	Empire Civilisation Leadership Politic Legacy Inventions	s Social Class Invasion Settlement Technology Migration	
Year 5	Invaders and Settlers	Where are English people from?	
How have the Anglo-Saxons, Scots and Vikings	(Anglo Saxons/Vikings)	Are all English people immigrants?	
influenced Britain today?		Why isn't England part of the Roman Empire today?	
	Britain's settlement by Anglo Saxons and		
What evidence do we have of Anglo-Saxon culture in	Scots.	Why did the Anglo-Saxons come to England?	
Britain?		Who was the first king of England?	
	Vikings settlement of English and the	Was England always a Christian country?	
How are their monarchs linked to our monarch today?	struggle for the Kingdom of England.	Who wrote history books in Anglo-Saxon times?	

Were all Vikings really brutal?	The legacy of Anglo Saxons and Vikings on Britain today.	 Who was buried at Sutton Hoo? Was King Arthur real? How did monarchy and kingship change during Anglo-Saxon times? Why did the Vikings come to England? Did the Vikings settle in other parts of the British Isles? Were Vikings really brutal invaders? Have the Vikings been misrepresented in history? What effects did the Viking invasions have on life in Anglo-Saxon England? What effects did the Anglo Saxons and Vikings have on English history? What evidence of their settlement can we see in our lives today?
KEY VOCABULARY: YEAR 5	Anglo-Saxons: Monarchy kingship in	vasion conquer trade settle settlement kingdom religion
	Migration runes resistance defence Vikings: Monarch Invasion Conquer	succession authority Trade Settle Religion Warrior Violent Ruthless Law
	Parliament Justice Migration Runes	
CONCEPTS: Y5	Leadership Impact Legacy	iculture Migration Community(British Values) Social Class re Community Conflict Treaty Parliament Democracy Law pact Legacy
Year 6	'Journeys, Conflict and Justice'	Global Powers at the beginning of the twentieth century.
How did people from the past shape the world we know	Britain 1901 - 1918	Which countries were the dominate powers at the beginning of the
today?	WW1 – Suffragettes	twentieth century?
What were the causes, which led to the outbreak of		How did the building of Empires effect relations between powerful countries?
WW1?	Know which countries were the dominant	How did Empires and allies fuel suspicions and create tension between
	powers of the world at the turn of the	these super powers?
Why did WW1 become known as, 'the war to end all	twentieth century. Know that there were	
wars'?	several events in the early twentieth	WW1
	century that led Europe in to war.	What were the causes of WW1?
What was the impact of WW1 on British society, the		How were soldiers recruited?
changing role of women/men?	Know who was involved in the fighting: British alliance (their origins), German	Were all soldiers who fought for Britain from Britain? What was life like in the trenches?
	alliance (their origins). Know the role	What were the key battles and important events of WW1?
	empires played. Know where fighting	Who was Edith Cavell and why is she an important figure in the history
	took place, key battles, during WW1.	of WW1?
	Locate area on map.	What happened during the Christmas Truce of 1914?
		What was the role of women during WW1?
		How were the lives of ordinary people affected during WW1?

	The impression of MAMI and Dritich as sister	When were Welton Toll and other in her an increase of finance in the history of	
	The impact of WW1 on British society -	Who was Walter Tull and why is he an important figure in the history of	
	the role of women/men.	WW1?	
	Know how lives of the people at home	What was the impact of World War 1?	
	was impacted by WW1.	What was the legacy of WW1?	
	Know what the Suffragette movement	How can we ensure that we continue to remember WW1?	
	was. Know how WW1 altered their		
	campaign. Know the impact of WW1 on		
	female suffrage.	SUFFRAGETTES	
		Who were the suffragettes?	
		What were they protesting about?	
		How did they protest?	
KEY VOCABULARY: YEAR 6	World War 1: Empire Countries Conflict Allies Alliance Treaty Assassination Navy Army Soldier		
	Troops Trench No Man's land Truce Battle Tank Front line Officers Battlefield Surrender		
	Suffragettes: suffrage Suffragists Su	ffragettes Votes Elections Parliament MP Government	
		tion Violence Beliefs Duty Representation of the People Act	
	Franchise Lobbying		
CONCEPTS: Y6	WW1: Monarchy Social Class Empire	Duty Responsibility Loyalty Conflict Equality Democracy Justice	
	Human Rights Invasion Leadership		
	Suffragettes: Equality Democracy Justic	e Human Rights	
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HISTORY PROGRESSION OF SKILLS

	EYFS	KS1	LKS2	UKS2
	Children should	KS1 History National Curriculum	KS2 History National Curriculum	KS2 History National Curriculum
	understand that the	Children should understand some of the	Children should understand how our knowledge	Children should understand how our
	past is something	ways in which we find out about the past	of the past is constructed from a range of	knowledge of the past is constructed
	that has already	and identify different ways in which it is	sources.	from a range of sources.
Z	happened	represented.	By the end of LKS2 children can:	By the end of UKS2 children can:
2		By the end of KS1 children can:	look at more than two versions of the same	find and analyse a wide range of
AT	Children can talk	Start to compare two versions of a past	event or story in history and identify	evidence about the past;
INTERPRETATION	about past and	event;	differences;	use a range of evidence to offer some
PR	present events in	Observe and use pictures, photographs	investigate different accounts of historical	clear reasons for different interpretations
IR	their own lives	and	events and be able to explain some of the	of events, linking this to factual
Ę	and in the lives of	artefacts to find out about the past;	reasons why the accounts may be different.	understanding about the past;
	family members	Start to use stories or accounts to		consider different ways of checking the
HISTORICAL		distinguish		accuracy of interpretations of the past;
<u> </u>		between fact and fiction;		start to understand the difference
NOR 1		Explain that there are different types of		between primary and secondary evidence
Ĕ		evidence and sources that can be used to		and the impact of this on reliability;
Ť		help represent the past.		show an awareness of the concept of
_				propaganda;
				know that people in the past represent
				events or ideas in a way that may be to
				persuade others;
				begin to evaluate the usefulness of
				different sources

	EYFS	KS1	LKS2	UKS2
	Children should ask	KS1 History National Curriculum	KS2 History National Curriculum	KS2 History National Curriculum
	and answer	Children should ask and answer	Pupils should regularly address and sometimes	Pupils should regularly address and
	questions about	questions, using other sources to show	devise historically valid questions about	sometimes devise historically valid
	their own lives and	that they know and understand key	change, cause, similarity and difference, and	questions about change, cause, similarity
	their own	features of events.	significance.	and difference, and significance.
	environments.	By the end of KS1 children can:	Children should construct informed responses	Children should construct informed
		observe or handle evidence to ask simple	that involve thoughtful selection and	responses that involve thoughtful
	Children can	questions about the past;	organisation of relevant historical information.	selection and organisation of relevant
≻	observe or handle	observe or handle evidence to find	By the end of LKS2 children can:	historical information.
HISTORICAL ENQUIRY	photographs and	answers to simple questions about the	use a range of sources to find out about the	By the end of UKS2 children can:
D D	objects directly	past on the basis of simple observations;	past;	recognise when they are using primary
ž	relating to their past	choose and select evidence and say how it	construct informed responses about one aspect	and secondary sources of information to
<u> </u>	and ask questions	can be used to find out about the past.	of life or a key event in the past through careful	investigate the past;
<	about these		selection and organisation of relevant historical	use a wide range of different evidence to
M			information;	collect evidence about the past, such as
ē			gather more detail from sources such as maps	ceramics, pictures, documents, printed
IS			to build up a clearer picture of the past;	sources, posters, online material,
I			regularly address and sometimes devise own	pictures, photographs, artefacts,
			questions to find answers about the past;	historic statues, figures, sculptures,
			begin to undertake their own research.	historic sites;
				select relevant sections of information to
				address historically valid questions and
				construct detailed, informed responses;
				investigate their own lines of enquiry by
				posing historically valid questions to
				answer.

	EYFS	KS1	LKS2	UKS2
	Children should talk	KS1 History National Curriculum	KS2 History National Curriculum	KS2 History National Curriculum
į	about past and	Pupils should develop an awareness of the	Pupils should continue to develop a	Pupils should continue to develop a
	present events in	past, using common words and phrases	chronologically secure knowledge and	chronologically secure knowledge and
1	their own lives	relating to the passing of time. They	understanding of British, local and world	understanding of British, local and world
a	nd in the lives of	should know where the people and events	history, establishing clear narratives within and	history, establishing clear narratives
ł	family members.	they study fit within a chronological	across the periods they study.	within and across the periods they study.
		framework.	By the end of LKS2 children can:	By the end of UKS2 children can:
	Children can:	By the end of KS1 children can:	sequence several events, artefacts or historical	order an increasing number of significant
(order events in their	sequence artefacts and events that are	figures on a timeline using dates, including	events, movements and dates on a
(own lives	close together in time;	those that are sometimes further apart, and	timeline using dates accurately;
(chronologically;	order dates from earliest to latest on	terms related to the unit being studied and	accurately use dates and terms to
(describe their own	simple timelines;	passing of time; understand that a timeline can	describe historical events;
I	memories	sequence pictures from different periods;	be divided into BC (Before Christ) and AD (Anno	understand and describe in some detail
		describe memories and changes that have	Domini).	the main changes to an aspect in a
		happened in their own lives;		period in history;
		use words and phrases such as: old, new,		understand how some historical
		earliest, latest,		events/periods occurred concurrently in
		past, present, future, century, new,		different locations, e.g. Indus
		newest, old, oldest,		Valley and Ancient Egypt.
		modern, before, after to show the passing		
		of time		

₽	EYFS	KS1	LKS2	UKS2
Ħ	Understanding the	KS1 History National Curriculum	KS2 History National Curriculum	KS2 History National Curriculum
Z	World (People	Pupils should identify similarities and	Pupils should note connections, contrasts and	Pupils should note connections, contrasts
- N	and Communities)	differences between ways of life in	trends over time.	and trends over time.
Ü	Children talk about	different periods. Pupils should choose	By the end of LKS2 children can:	By the end of UKS2 children can:
Z ₹	past and present	and use parts of stories and other	note key changes over a period of time and be	identify and note connections, contrasts
È	events in their own	sources to show that they know and	able to give reasons for those changes;	and trends over time in the everyday lives
0	lives and in the lives	understand key features of events.	find out about the everyday lives of people in	of people;
Ż	of family members.	By the end of KS1 children can:	time studied compared with our life today;	use appropriate historical terms such as
◄	They know about	recognise some similarities and	explain how people and events in the past have	culture, religious, social, economic and
Ľ,	similarities and	differences between the past and the	influenced life today; identify key features,	political when describing the past;
P	differences between	present;	aspects and events of the time studied;	examine causes and results of great
PEOPLE AND CHANGES IN	themselves and	identify similarities and differences	describe connections and contrasts between	events and the impact these had on
	others, and among	between ways of life in different periods;	aspects of history, people, events and artefacts	people;
EVENTS,	families,	know and recount episodes from stories	studied.	describe the key features of the past,
Ū.	communities and	and significant events in history;		including attitudes, beliefs and the
	traditions.	understand that there are reasons why		everyday lives of men, women
OF	Understanding the	people in the past acted as they did;		and children.
- U	World (The	describe some significant individuals from		
ž	World)	the past		
ą	Children know about			
AN	similarities			
ST	and differences in			
E E	relation to			
Q	places, objects,			
5	materials and living			
Δ	things. They talk			
Z Z	about the features			
ш	of their own			
g	immediate			
KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING	environment and			
Ž	how environments			
9	might vary from one			
Y	another.			

	EYFS	KS1	LKS2	UKS2
	Pupils should use	KS1 History National Curriculum	KS2 History National Curriculum	KS2 History National Curriculum
-	vocabulary	Pupils should use a wide vocabulary of	Pupils should develop the appropriate use of	Pupils should develop the appropriate
AND	of everyday	everyday historical terms.	historical terms.	use of historical terms.
A	historical terms.	By the end of KS1 children can:	By the end of LKS2 children can:	By the end of UKS2 children can:
<u>u</u>		show an understanding of historical	use and understand appropriate historical	know and show a good understanding of
ISIN	Children can:	terms, such as monarch, parliament,	vocabulary to communicate information such as	historical vocabulary including abstract
ORGANISING UNICATING	draw, talk and write	government, war, remembrance;	ruled, reigned, empire, invasion, conquer,	terms such as democracy, civilisation,
	about things	talk, write and draw about things from the	kingdoms;	social, political, economic, cultural,
NIC RC	from their past;	past;	present, communicate and organise ideas about	religious;
	use play to	use historical vocabulary to retell simple	the past using models, drama role play and	present, communicate and organise ideas
إلا ك	communicate their	stories about the past;	different genres of writing including letters,	about and from the past using detailed
N O	knowledge of the	use drama/role play to communicate their	recounts, poems, adverts, diaries, posters and	discussions and debates and
PRESENTING COMN	past	knowledge about the past.	guides;	different genres of writing such as
SE			start to present ideas based on their own	myths, instructions,
RE			research about a studied period.	accounts, diaries, letters,
4				information/travel guides,
				posters, news reports;
				plan and present a self-directed project
				or research about the studied period.