



Three and Four-Year-Olds	Understanding the World	Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history.
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.

Autumn 1					
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
How Have Toys Changed?	Who made the most	Ancient Egypt	The Roman Republic	The Round City:	World War Two
	significant contribution			Baghdad	
	to nursing?			_	
History of toys. Discuss their favourite toy	Significant people- Nurses?	Ancient Egypt Location, origin in	The Roman Republic Foundation	Islamic Civilisations (3) Depth	WW2-
using language related to the past.	Understand the difference between	settlements around the Nile,	myth of Romulus and Remus	focus: Baghdad – the round city.	Why Britain entered a war with Germany
Ask questions about toys in the past.	significant and famous. Understand	living by the Nile, the role of the	River Tiber civilisation The early	Where, why and how it was built.	in 1939.
Make comparisons between toys in the	why Florence Nightingale is so	Nile in developing belief systems	kings of Rome Development of	What it looked like. How we	The importance of the war, key turning
past and present.	significant to nursing – cleanliness	as well as agriculture. How the	the Roman Republic Punic wars,	know about it through	points and events and understanding the
Sequence artefacts from different periods	and nutrition. Understand the	power structures (pharaohs, the	Hannibal, Roman army Roman	archaeology, artefacts and	impact on our people, country and the
of time.	challenges that Mary Seacole faced-	double crown) were linked to the	religion, Roman myths & legends	written sources. Why it is so	world.
Identify changes between teddy bears	racism, sexism. Understand Why Kitty	geography of Egypt; how they	Roman roads Roman politics and	important in understand	The relevance of WW2 leaders.
today and those from 100 years ago.	Wilkinson was considered a local	were sustained through art,	government during the Republic	medieval Islam. The House of	Countries that were allies of Britain
Describe how toys have changed over	hero- cholera epidemic, hygiene. Was	writing, belief systems. Ancient	Disciplinary focus: causation How	Wisdom, books and paper,	Propaganda, Holocaust, Evacuation, home
time.	it right that Edith cared for ALL	Egyptian religion, government,	did Rome become so powerful?	translation of the ancient texts	front
	soldiers no matter who they fought	art, great monuments, beliefs		from Greek The contribution of	The significance of Oscar Schindler
Disciplinary focus: Similarities and	for?	about death, farming. How Egypt		Baghdad and Islamic scholars to	How and why did Britain defeated Nazi
differences. What were toys like in the	Disciplinary focus: Evidential thinking-	changed through time -		learning: astronomy,	Germany in the battle justifying their
past?	Who made the greatest contribution	kingdoms, art, pyramids, beliefs		mathematics and mapping the	views
	to nursing?	and writing		world; science, technology and	The significance of this victory in terms of
				medicine. How Islamic scholars	the final outcome of WW2.





Disciplinary focus: change/continuity How much did Ancient Egypt change over time? Autum	nn 2	preserved the learning of the ancient world and moved it forwards, feeding into all the advances in European knowledge that came in the Renaissance. Disciplinary focus: change/ continuity. How was Baghdad connected with the rest of the world?	Disciplinary Focus- Causation: Why was it so important to win the Battle of Britain?
Cradles of Civilisation	The Roman Empire	Anglo-Saxon struggle for the kingdom	
Cradles of civilisation The land between two rivers: Ancient Mesopotamia – the unique 'cradle' (development of writing to record trade). Then, geographical overview of ancient civilisations of the world, inc. Big map seeing where they all were & geographical similarities. Depth study of ancient Sumer in Mesopotamia via rivers & settlements (reinforce geog knowledge so far) and via art of ancient civilisations. Ziggurats Disciplinary focus: similarity and difference How similar and how different were Ancient Egypt and Ancient Sumer?	The Roman Empire Roman army Julius Caesar, the early emperors (incl Augustus, Claudius, Nero), Jewish-Roman war (pupils made ready through knowledge of Judaism in Y3; and through units on the Roman province of Judea and Christianity in Year 4 so far). Persecutions of Christians in Rome (pupils made ready through knowledge of Christianity since start Y4) Pompeii – depth study (draw together all Roman knowledge so far and develop and demonstrate it synoptically in a Roman town – Pompeii; story of destruction of Pompeii – Pliny etc; reinforce & apply volcano knowledge from geography) Disciplinary focus: evidential thinking What can sources reveal about Roman ways of life?	Anglo-Saxon Britain Reasons for migration Anglo-Saxon kingdoms Christianity arrives in the British Isles (1) (Jutish rule in Kent: Ethelberht and Berta) including Augustine etc, up to Synod of Whitby 664). Link back to Romans (Year 4 Summer 1): the mission to the Angles (Pope Gregory: 'not Angles but angels'). Early monasteries in British Isles; Bede. Offa and Cwynethrith of Mercia How archaeologists learn about Anglo-Saxons — art, everyday life, villages; Sutton Hoo Disciplinary focus: change / continuity. How did Angles, Saxons and Jutes change Britain?	





Spring 1					
The Sinking of the Titanic	Stone Age	Indus Valley	Roman Britain	Vikings struggle for the kingdom	
The Titanic. What do we already know about the Titanic and what can we work out from a picture? What was so special about the Titanic and what was life on board like? Why and how did the 'unsinkable' Titanic sink? How should we show the sinking of the Titanic? Why weren't more people saved from the Titanic? How did they stop a disaster like the Titanic happening again? Disciplinary focus: Evidential thinking. Why did the titanic sink?	Stone Age. Doggereland- how our ancestors came to Great Britain. Hunter gatherers- how Stone Age people lived. Pre-history – Tools, paintings- what this tells us about our ancestors. Skara Brae- how Stone Age people lived- houses, tools. Stonehenge- how it was built, craftsmen. Disciplinary focus: Evidential thinking? What was life like in the Stone Age?	Indus Valley Civilisation Sites and artefacts in the Indus Valley (including the dancing girl, the priest king, seals, the threshing platforms, pots and potsherds, beads, weights, toys) Bricks, buildings, baths, bathrooms, drainage Mohenjo Daro, Harappa, Lothal Similarities and differences between Indus Valley and Sumer and Egypt (e.g. writing, monuments) Craftsmanship, trade, barter Puzzles for historians, including rulers and religion Disciplinary focus: evidential thinking How do we know about the Indus Valley civilisation?	Roman Britain The ancient Britons – a land of diversity, a land of migrants (eg Celts). Celtic language, Celtic culture. Rebellions: Caractacus, Boudicca. Roman town: Aquae Sulis Life on the frontier: Hadrian's Wall Black Romans in Britain Disciplinary focus: change/continuity What changed in Roman Britain?	Vikings in Britain (1) Different 'English' kingdoms King Alfred of the Kingdom of Wessex — forerunners of English identity Viking navigation Scandinavian settlements Viking links to rest of world - Russia, Constantinople, Muslim trade. How Vikings changed as they settled in other parts of the world and interacted with diverse cultures. Disciplinary focus: change/continuity How did the Vikings change England?	
		Sprin	g 2		
		Persia and Greece	Christianity in three empires	Norse Culture	
		Persia and Greece Start with ancient Persia and its empire to set geographical & political context. Ancient Greek city states, inc. Sparta and Athens. Why/how did they form? Homer's Iliad Greco-Persian wars, inc. battle of Marathon, Thermopylae, Salamis Ancient Greek language Peloponnese War Greek religion – gods and goddesses Disciplinary focus: similarity and difference What did Greek city-states have in common?	Christianity in three empires (300-600CE) This unit focuses on three cities: Rome, Constantinople and Adulis (in the African empire of Aksum), representing three types of Christianity (connected but different) influenced by and influencing local culture. Stories examine the role of rulers in the spread of Christianity. Narrative as follows: 1. Revisit Christianity in Rome. Persecution etc. Constantine and Battle of Milvian Bridge. Christianity becoming official religion of Roman Empire.	Norse culture including sagas, art, poetry, folklore. Nordic gods, goddesses, stories and customs. Beowulf - depth. What does Beowulf have in common with stories from contrasting world civilisations? (e.g. epics like Gilgamesh and Iliad from Y3 history Disciplinary focus: similarities What connections* and similarities did the Norse peoples have with other peoples? *(both direct interactions with people, eg. trading and exploring, and	





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		2. Constantine and founding of Constantinople. 3. Fall of Rome in 5th century. 4. Byzantine Empire, including more on Constantinople - confluence of European & Asian influences in art and architecture. 5. The Port of Adulis on the Red Sea. Kingdom of Aksum. Christianity spreads into Africa. Conversion of King Ezana via Eastern (Syrian) Christianity. 6. Ethiopian Christianity - its practices, cultural artefacts and ongoing importance in world Christianity. Disciplinary focus: similarity/difference How did rulers change Christianity	similarities with other cultures, e.g. sagas and ancient epics)	
	Summe	er 1		
did we learn to fly? History of flight. Identify important events surrounding the history of flight.	Ancient Greece Ancient Greece Athenian democracy and empire Art, culture & learning in Ancient Greece Greek architecture, inc. Parthenon Greek religion in Greek stories (use stories to revisit content from Greek politics, culture and religion in Spring 2) Greek literature, inc. epic poetry – inc. Homer's Odyssey. Tragedy in Greek theatre Philosophy and enquiry in Ancient Greece, inc. Aristotle – depth on Aristotle. Disciplinary focus: evidential thinking What can historians learn from the sources from Ancient Greece?	Islamic civilisations (1) Arabia and early Islam Arabia before Muhammad Bedouin culture, trade and life in the desert; the place of the Makkah in the trade of the Middle East and the world. An oral culture and a land of poetry. Stories about the birth of Muhammad. Makkah, Medina and the birth of Islam. Disciplinary focus: causation Why did Islam spread so far and so fast?	Vikings in Britain: Changing Rulers, Changing Worlds Vikings in Britain (2) Vikings and Christianity Guthrith Second Viking Age Aethelflaed and Edward press into the Danelaw. Athelstan and the unification of the kingdoms: origins of England The Vikings in Scotland "Edgar the Pacifier" and the assimilation of Vikings Merging Viking and Saxon/Scots culture (e.g. in Christianity – the hogsbacks). Britain's 'Second Viking Age' up to 1066. Disciplinary focus: change/continuity How did Christianity change as it travelled?	





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·	Summ	er 2		
	Alexander the Great	Cordoba – The City of Light	The Maya	Slavery
	Alexander the Great. Where did Alexander come from? Backstory of Philip of Macedon and the Macedonian empire. Alexander the Great: childhood, education (link to Aristotle in Summer 1), early battles, conquest of Persia, death. Library of Alexandria (laying the ground for Y4 Rome and Y5 Baghdad) Meanwhile in Egypt Egypt under the Ptolemy family. Greece and Egypt – where do our stories converge? Why did the Egyptian empire last so long? Why did it fizzle out this time? What have we learned about why empires rise and fall? Disciplinary focus: causation How did Alexander the Great conquer so much land?	Islamic civilisations (2) The Rise of Islam Depth focus: Cordoba - city of light (draw on geography on trade, climate, locational knowledge). The glories of Islamic achievement in art, architecture, learning and science in Cordoba. How Muslims, Christians and Jews lived and worked together, collaborated on great architectural projects together and built a culture of learning together. The great library of Cordoba – how knowledge of medicine, technology, art, theology and geography was built through the work of peoples from all three religions. Disciplinary focus: similarity and difference How did worlds come together in Cordoba?	This will use geography learned so far: how land and climate shape cultures; how cultures shape the land It will also build on evidential thinking developed so far – uses of diverse types of sources, their interpretation and critique. Disciplinary focus: evidential thinking How do we know about the ancient civilisations of central America?	Slavery/Justice What is freedom? Key trade routes that link Liverpool to the slave trade. Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano Transportation of slaves. Plantation life. Abolition. Controversy of slave trader influence on Liverpool. Disciplinary focus: change/continuity Hov did the slave trade change Liverpool?