History Curriculum

Stourfield Junior School

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year Three	How do we know what life was like in Prehistoric Britain?	What was life like in the Shang Dynasty?	What about Ancient Greece was considered a 'Golden Age'?
Year Four	Did the Romans change the world forever?	How did the Anglo-Saxons and Scots change life in Britain?	Why did the Vikings take to the seas?
Year Five	What was the most significant achievement of the Benin Kingdom?	Who was the greatest Medieval Monarch?	How significant was the Mayan civilization?
Year Six	How much did the Industrial Revolution change Britain?	How different was the Home Front in the First and Second World War?	How far did the Civil Rights movement improve race relations in America?

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Key Lesson Questions		
Is it true to say that Stone Age man was just a simple hunter-gatherer, only interested in food and shelter? How much did life change when man learned how to farm? What can we learn about life in the Stone Age from a study of Skara Brae?	How do we know about the Shang Dynasty? How did the Shang Dynasty begin? What was life like for people in the Shang Dynasty? What did the Shang people believe? Who was Fu Hao?	How was ancient Greece organised? What was the Golden Age of Greece? What did the Greeks believe? Who were the ancient Greek philosophers? Who won the Peloponnesian War? Why was Alexander so great?

Why is it so difficult to work out why Stonehenge was built? How much did life really change during the Iron Age and how can we possibly know? Can you solve the mystery of the 52 skeletons of Maiden Castle? Source-based history mystery	Assessment	

Year 4		
Did the Romans change the world forever?	How did the Anglo-Saxons and Scots change life in Britain?	Why did the Vikings take to the seas?
Key Lesson Questions		
How did the Roman Empire become so powerful? How do the Romans conquer Britain? Why did Boudicca lead a revolt against the Romans? How did the Romans change Britain? What did the Romans believe? Why did the Romans leave Britain?	Where did the Anglo-Saxons come from? How do we know about the Anglo-Saxons? What was life like for the Anglo-Saxons? What did the Anglo-Saxons believe? Why did the Anglo-Saxons build Burhs? Consolidation task	Why did the Vikings raid and invade Britain? What happened at Lindisfarne in 793? Why did Alfred sign a treaty with Guthrum? Who were the Norse Gods? Did King Cnut try to stop the tide from coming in?

Year 5		
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Key Lesson Questions		
How did the Benin Kingdom begin?	In 1066, who was the rightful heir to the throne?	Who were the Mayans and why should we study them?

What was life like for the Edo people and the Oba in the Benin Kingdom? How were trade links established and what goods were traded? What lead to the Civil war of the 1700s? What was the Transatlantic Slave Trade? Why did the British colonise Benin and what impact did this have?	Who was responsible for the death of Thomas Beckett? Who was the worse King: Richard or John? Why did Edward I build so many castles? Why did Henry VIII initiate the Reformation? Was the reign of Elizabeth I a 'Golden Age'?	What was life like for the Mayans? Why was Chichen Itza significant to the Mayan people? How did the Mayan Empire grow? Why did the Mayan Empire decline?

Year 6		
How much did the Industrial Revolution change Britain?	How different was the Home Front in the First and Second World War?	How far did the Civil Rights movement improve race relations in America?
Key Lesson Questions		
How did the Industrial Revolution change Britain, 1750-1900? How did living conditions change in the Industrial Revolution? How did working conditions change in the Industrial Revolution? Where did the railways come from? How did the Industrial Revolution impact our democracy?	How different was the fighting in the two World Wars? Why did people have to **ration** their food in both World Wars? How did the role of women change between the First and Second World War? How did air raids affect the lives of people differently in WW1 and WW2?	Lesson 1: How equal was America in the 1950s? Lesson 2: How successfully did the Civil Rights Movement challenge segregation in Education? Lesson 3: Rosa Parks: Tired, or tired of giving in? Investigating the true story of events. Lesson 4: How significant was Martin Luther King to the Civil Rights Movement? Lesson 5: Why did 3,200 people march from Selma to Montgomery?

How much did Britain change overall?	How different were the lives of children in the First and Second World Wars? Assessment How different were the Home Front's in the First and Second World War?	Assessment lesson: How far did the Civil Rights movement improve race relations in America?