

History Curriculum

At Great Hollands Primary School, we deliver History subject skills and understanding through topic-based learning which is linked to the National Curriculum. It is carefully balanced to give children opportunities to explore a range of age-appropriate historical periods throughout the ages - beginning with the Stone Age through to the 21st Century.

The knowledge and skills covered through History are carefully structured to link to other parts of the curriculum. Learning is interweaved into Writing, Reading, Art, Design & Technology, Music and where appropriate e.g., Maths. Specific topics have a History base so that we develop historical thinking; analyse historical sources and evidence, make historical connections, make chronological reasonings and create and support historical arguments. Knowledge of significant historical events, people and places in our own locality is also taught to give children a rich understanding of events which have transpired in the past and how those impacted Britain and the wider world.

History is taught through a variety of approaches to provide opportunities for children to dive deeply into the past to gain a thorough understanding of who, what, where, when, why and how events transpired. Children learn through; visual and audio representations, discussion and debating, role playing and comparing and contrasting.

In Early Years and Key Stage 1, children are taught a variety of historical topics to provide them with basic historical investigation skills, through learning about famous people from Britain's past.

In Key Stage 2, children will build further on these skills by exploring historical events in greater depth chronologically through the years, continually linking back with Britain today.

GHPS History Content Overview							
Т	erm	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	Topics	What makes me me?	How can I stay safe and healthy?	What makes a home and school?	Are things the same everywhere?	How do things grow and change?	How can I take care of my world?
	History (UW) Focus		People who help me People who help me stay safe and healthy	People who help me People who help me at home and school	My family history Beginning to know about my family history	My life history How I have grown and changed	
	DM	АВ	A <mark>B</mark>	A <mark>B</mark>	<mark>A</mark> B	<mark>A</mark> B	АВ
EYFS 1 Nursery			Through stories, images and visitors - talk about people who help us stay healthy and how they help us – include doctor, nurse, optician, dentist. Through stories, images and visitors talk about the people who help us stay safe explore how they help us – include police officer, firefighter, paramedic, RNLI. Extend to people and occupations in the local community and include a postman, shop keeper and refuse collector. Explore themes through role play.	Through stories and images - talk about the people we live with at home and how they help us – include mums, dads, brothers and sisters and grandparents. Explore the care they give us. Through stories and images talk about the people at school and how they help us – include teacher, TA, caretaker, children, lollipop person - explore how they help us. Explore themes through role play.	Using photos of our family to share and talk about in class. Involve parents in sharing their family history with the children and sharing things in class – in living memory. Children should talk about the people in their family and begin to recognise that their parents were once little like them through the use of photographs. Sequence in a timeline. Explore themes through role play.	Through the use of photographs, explore what the children can do now that they couldn't do when they were a baby. Explore how the children have grown and changed over time to develop a sense of their life story. Sequence in a timeline. Explore themes through role play. Vocabulary yesterday – today – past and now.	
	DM Understanding the World Past and Present	-	se of their own life-story and ifferent occupations	family history.			

	Topics	What will my first Autumn at school be like?	Why are people, places, times and things special?	What changes in Winter and is it the same everywhere?	Who helps us to stay safe, healthy and well	How is life in the UK different to other places around the world?	Have things always been the same?
	History Focus	Comparing images of the past and now Changes in schools and farming	Comparing images of the past and now How Christmas and toys were different in the past	Stories about people in the past How people explored the natural world in the past	People who help me People who help us stay safe and healthy today & in the past	Stories about people in the past Historically famous people around the world	Stories about the past What the past was like and how things have changed
	ELG & DM	1 <mark>2</mark> 3 A B <mark>C</mark> D	1 <mark>2 3 A</mark> B <mark>C</mark> D	12 <mark>3</mark> АВС <mark>D</mark>	<mark>1</mark> 2 3 <mark>A</mark> B C D	1 2 3 A B C <mark>D</mark>	1 <mark>2</mark> 3 A B C <mark>D</mark>
EYFS 2 Reception		Compare images of schools and pupils in the past – (revising their own life story from FS1) Compare and contrast the things seen in the classroom, the things children and teachers used to write with and the clothes they both wore. Compare and contrast images of farmers and farming in the past and today. Focus on the use of horses in the past and today. Focus on the use of horses in the past and today. Compare and contrast clothing worn. Read stories about people who have changed things for the better (linked to all being values in PHSE) – Emily Pankhurst, Rosa Parks and Nelson Mandela. (Black History Month – October)	Compare and contrast images of toys in the past. Focus on toys their parents & grandparents had and how we still have some today like Lego, wooden blocks, train sets, cars and dolls but some we do not like jacks, spinning tops, robots, pogo stick, Punch and Judy, and games like Mousetrap. Focus on the change in materials over time (link to family history in FS1 & Toys in Y1). Look at images of Christmas in the past – our own families and more generic. Compare and contrast, linking in toys, what the decorations looked like, the food eaten, and the clothes people wore. Read 'The Toy Maker' and 'Dogger' in Literacy to reinforce knowledge. Read about famous creative people Beethoven, Vivaldi, Picasso and Frida Kahlo.	Through stories and pictures, discuss famous people who explored the natural world in the past and how their experiences were different to today. Focus on the places they explored, how they travelled, some of the things they used and about the difficulties they faced. Look at images and compare and contrast clothing and transport. Focus on Scott of the Antarctic, Christopher Columbus, David Livingstone, Neil Armstrong, Captain James Cook, Isabella Bird.	Talk about people who help us at home, using photos of our family to share and talk about in class. Explore family trees & extend vocabulary to include grandparents, cousin, aunty, uncle (revising their own life story from FS1). Learn to name and describe people who help them stay safe and healthy in & around school and know what roles they do focus on teacher, TA, HT, admin, lunch, caretaker, librarian, shop keeper, postman, bus driver, lollipop person, dustbin man. Extend to people in the community, focus on doctor, nurse, dentist, optician, police officer, fire fighter, paramedic, RNLI (link to FS1). Read stories about people in the past & how they helped – Florence Nightingale, Seacole, Jenner, Braille, Keller, Curie (links to KS1).	Through stories and pictures, discuss famous people in history from different countries. Talk about why they are famous and where in the world they came from. Look at images and compare and contrast including some of the things they used and clothing. Focus on Gandhi, Mother Theresa, Ann Frank, Alexander the Great, Cleopatra, Caesar (links to time periods studies in LKS2 – Greeks, Egyptians and Romans, also WWI in UKS2).	Through stories and pictures, discuss famous people and times in British History. Talk about how things were different and explore why. Look at images and compare and contrast including some of the things they used, transport of the time and clothing. Talk about how we know by things we have found, often in the ground. Focus on Dinosaurs – bones, fossils and Mary Anning (build on in Year 3) Knights, Castles, Kings and Queens – Henry VIII and Elizabeth I & Queen Victoria (build on in Year 1) King Arthur and Alfred the Great (build on in Year 5) Pirates - Blackbeard, Ann Bonnie, Grace Darling. Look at how boats have changed, lighthouses and the Titanic (build on in Year 2).
	ELG Understanding the World Past and Present	 Know some simila now, drawing on Understand the p 	es of the people around them arities and differences betwee their experiences and what ha ast through settings, characte lass and storytelling.	en things in the past and as been read in class.	B. Name and describeC. Comment on images	s of their immediate family. people who are familiar to th s of familiar situations in the p ast characters from stories, in	past.

	Topics	What makes me special?	How are the toys we play with made?	Why was a castle built here? Windsor Castle	What makes me proud of our place?	Who lives in the Animal Kingdom?	How did families have fun in the past?
Year 1	History Focus Skills Skills	My life compared to my grandparent's Looking at how my everyday life is different 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 To know about changes within living memory that had an impact on national life. Developments in technology since my grandparents were children. To know about lives of significant individuals with impact on national and international life: Tim Berners-Lee (the world wide web); Martin Cooper (mobile phone).	My toys and my grandparent's toys Development of toys with a focus on materials made of 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 To know about changes within living memory to childhood toys and stories. To know about Ole Kirk Christiansen (inventor of Lego) and contribution to the development of toys. Extend to Victorian toys to sequence toys from 3 different time periods (link to toys at Christmas). Events commemorated through anniversaries – Guy Fawkes & Gunpowder Plot.	Local History – Windsor Castle Comparing people and time periods at Windsor Castle 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Significant historical events, people and places in their own locality – Windsor Castle (used to compare aspects of life in different periods). The lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national achievements. Tudor times – Henry VIII Elizabethan– Elizabeth I Victorian times at Windsor - Queen Victoria Windsor today - Queen Elizabeth II and the fire.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Changes in Seaside Holidays Comparing aspects of seaside holiday over time 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Changes beyond living memory; Seaside past and present (Post war and Victorians). The lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to international achievements (George Stephenson and Grace Darling).
	Y1 Historical Thinking Skills	framework. 2. Sequence events i 3. Sequence 3 or 4 a 4. Match objects to Range and depth of histor 5. Recognise the diff others' lives.	ole and events they study fit w in their life. rtefacts from distinctly differe people of different ages.	ent periods of time. sent in their own and	 8. Compare adults ta Historical enquiry 9. Ask and answer que.g., artefacts. Historical Language 10. Use common word 	inguish between fact and fic Iking about the past – how r Jestions about the past from ds and phrases relating to th f everyday historical terms.	eliable are their memories?

	Topics	What happened in the Great Fire?	How can we make a healthy lunchbox?	What is the best way for Mrs Armitage to travel?	What makes us like other animals?	What do plants need to grow?	How would my life be different if I lived in the Amazon?
	History Focus	Great Fire of London Looking at the event through Pepys' diary and rebuilding with Wren	Developments in Nursing in Wartime Compare and contrast Crimean War and WW1	Developments in Transport Significant events and developments in travel			Famous Explorers Looking at the significance of explorers to discovering North America
	Skills	1 2 3 <mark>4 5 6 7 8 9 10</mark>	1 2 3 <mark>4 5</mark> 6 <mark>7 8 9 10</mark>	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 <mark>3 4 5 6</mark> 7 8 <mark>9 10</mark>
Year 2	Year 2 Programme of Study	Events beyond living memory that are significant nationally (Great Fire of London). To know about Samuel Pepys and his contribution to national achievements. To know about Christopher Wren and his contribution to architecture in London.	The lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national achievements. Compare aspects of medical nursing during the Crimean war and WW1 by looking at the lives of Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell. Events commemorated through anniversaries – WWI & WWII Remembrance.	Events beyond living memory about transport that are significant internationally/nationally. Bike – Penny Farthing by Meyer. Car – Benz, Ford. Plane – Wright Brothers. Events – Titanic (thought she was unsinkable made from metal). (Building on development of railway in Y1).			The lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to international achievements through exploration. Compare aspects of life in the time of Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong.
	Y2 Historical Thinking Skills	 Sequence photog Describe memorie Range and depth of histor Recognise why pe happened as a res 	ts closer together in time - che raphs etc. from different perio es of key events in lives. ical knowledge eople did things, why events h	ods of their life. appened and what	 Interpretations of history Compare 2 versions of a past event. Compare pictures or photographs of people or events in the past. Discuss reliability of photos/ accounts/stories. Historical enquiry Use a source – observe or handle sources to ask and answer questions about the past on the basis of simple observations. Historical Language Use common words and phrases relating to the passing of time and a wide vocabulary of everyday historical terms. 		

	Topics	How did Britain change from the Stone Age to the Iron Age?	What is Britain and the UK like now?	Who were the greatest builders?	What do plants need to stay healthy?	How is a region of Mexico and the UK the same &/or different?	What forces move (make) mountains?
	History Focus	Stone and Iron Ages Look at how Britain and life in Britain changed between these times		Early Civilisations Looking at where and when the early civilisations occurred – focus Egypt	Early Civilisations Comparing and contrasting building of early Mayans with Egyptians and Britons		
	Skills	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 <mark>7 8</mark> 9 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Year 3	Year 3 Programme of Study	To know about changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Late Neolithic hunter- gatherers and early farmers - Skara Brae. Bronze Age religion, technology and travel - Stonehenge. Iron Age hill forts: tribal kingdoms, farming, art and culture.		To know about the achievements of the earliest civilizations – an overview of where and when the first civilizations appeared and an in-depth study of Ancient Egypt – everyday life, building, religion, and writing.	To make connections between the architecture and basic lives, writing and religion of early civilisations in Britain, Ancient Egypt and the Early Mayans.		
	Y3 Historical Thinking Skills	the study unit and 2. Sequence several Range and depth of histor 3. Find out about evo our life today. 4. Identify reasons for	died on a time line and use da passing of time. events or artefacts.	studied and compare with	 Interpretations of history 5. Identify and give reasons for different ways in which the past is represented. 6. Distinguish between different sources – compare different versions of the same story - Look at representations of the period – museum, cartoons etc. Historical enquiry 7. Use a range of sources to answer and ask some historically valid questions and begin to use the library and internet for research. 8. Observe small details – artefacts, pictures. 9. Select and record information relevant to the study. Historical Language 10. Develop the appropriate use of historical terms, using orally and in written accounts, gaining an understanding of abstract terms such as empire and civilisation. 		

-	Topics	What legacies did the Ancient Greeks leave on modern culture?	How was William Shakespeare influenced by the Ancient Greeks?	What did the Romans leave behind?	What makes Italy roar?	How did the loss of the cacao bean contribute to the collapse of the Mayan Empire?	How does chocolate move through our digestive system?
	History Focus	Ancient Greece Impact on culture, architecture and theatre	Theatre Legacy of Greek theatre and William Shakespeare	The Romans The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain	Mount Vesuvius Timeline and Impact	Classical Mayans A contrasting non-European society	
	Skills	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 4 <mark>5</mark> 6 <mark>7 8 9 10</mark>	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	<mark>1 2 3 4 5</mark> 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 910	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Year 4	Year 4 Programme of Study	Ancient Greece - a study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world with a focus on culture, architecture and theatre. Contrast Greek soldiers – both Athenian and Spartan (army) with a Roman soldier (army).	To know about the life of William Shakespeare and his legacy on theatre.	Julius Caesar's attempted invasion in 55-54 BC the Roman Empire by AD 42 and the power of its army. Successful invasion by Claudius and conquest, including Hadrian's Wall. British resistance, Boudica 'Romanisation' of Britain: sites such as Caerwent and the impact of technology, culture and beliefs, including early Christianity.	To know about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. Create a timeline of events and impact upon Roman Empire.	To contrast the Classical Mayans from a non- European society with British History from the same period. To explore Mayan life, culture, religion, warriors and trade exploring their impact on Britain and the world with cocoa.	
	Y4 Historical Thinking Skills	terms, e.g., BC/AD 2. Use terms related Range and depth of histor 3. Use evidence to re and events.	period studied on time line u b. to the period and begin to da ical knowledge econstruct life in time studied effects in time studied and of	te events. and identify key features	 Interpretations of history Look at the evidence available, use text books and historical knowledge. Begin to evaluate the usefulness of different sources. Historical enquiry Use evidence to build up a picture of a past event, use the books and internet for research. Choose relevant material to present a picture of one aspect of life in time past. Ask a variety of questions. Historical Language Develop the appropriate use of historical terms, using orally and in written accounts, gaining an understanding of abstract terms such as empire and civilisation. 		

	Topics	Why did people invade and settle in Britain?	Where did they settle and why?	How did the Kingdom	How did the Kingdom of England come to be?		What is the power of The River Thames?	
	History Focus							
	Skills	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 <mark>2</mark> 3 4 5 6 7 8 <mark>9</mark> 10	1234	5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
Year 5	Year 5 Programme of Study	Roman withdrawal from Britain in c.AD 410 and the fall of the western Roman Empire. Scots' invasions from Ireland to north Britain (now Scotland). Anglo-Saxon invasions, settlements and kingdoms: place names and village life. Anglo-Saxon art and culture. Christian conversion – Canterbury, Iona and Lindisfarne (linked to RE unit of work to help embed understanding)	Exploring what current settlement place names tell us about the past.	Viking raids and invasion resistance by Alfred the Great and Athelstan, first king of England. Further Viking invasions and Danegeld. Anglo-Saxon laws and justice. Edward the Confessor and his death in 1066.				
	Y5 Historical Thinking Skills	period labels. 2. Make comparison Range and depth of histor 3. Study different as and women. 4. Examine causes an	ce key events of time studied, s between different times in t ical knowledge pects of different people - diff nd results of great events and ırly and late 'times' studied an	he past. ferences between men the impact on people.	 Offer some reasons Historical enquiry Begin to identify prifor research with in information. Use evidence to bui Historical Language	s of events from different sources – fact or fiction. Ins for different versions of events. Orimary and secondary sources, use books and internet increasing confidence, selecting relevant sections of uild up a picture of a past event. Opriate use of historical terms, using orally and in written ing an historical understanding of abstract terms such as fliament.		

	Topics	What is out of this World?	How do living things, including us, stay healthy?	What was the significance of the Battle of Britain?	Why do some creatures no longer exist?	How successful are we as entrepreneurs?
-	History Focus	Humans in Space Key events linked to humans in space		Battle of Britain The significance of this event in turning British history – knowledge beyond 1066	Charles Darwin The significance of his theory of evolution	Local Study Study of the local area through different time periods
	Skills	<mark>1</mark> 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	<mark>1</mark> 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Year 6	Year 6 Programme of Study	To know when humans first went into space and when they landed on the moon. To know when the first satellites were put into orbit and the significance of these.		To know about the significant turning point in British History – The Battle of Britain, extending pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066. Explore the lead up to the point in relation to the war, the impact on the people and how this event was a turning point in the war.	To know the basics of his theory of evolution and the significance of this.	A Local Study over time tracing how several aspects of national history are reflected in the locality. Dinosaurs in Bracknell. Bill Hill – Bronze Age Barrow. Caesar's camp – Iron Age Hill Fort. The Devil's Highway – Roman Road. Vikings in Reading. Bracknell name and Anglo- Saxon Settlement. William the Conqueror builds Windsor. Tudor priests hiding in the Old Manor, Bracknell. Easthampstead – Home of James I. Highwayman in Bracknell Forest.
	Y6 Historical Thinking Skills	 to 10 events on a time Range and depth of historie 2. Find out about beliefs, that not everyone share 3. Compare beliefs and be characters and events of 4. Write another explanate 	time line in relation to other line, use relevant dates and cal knowledge behaviour and characteristic es the same views and feelir chaviour with another time s	 Interpretations of history Link sources and work out how conclusions were arrived at. Consider ways of checking the accuracy of interpretations – fact or fiction or opinion, be aware that different evidence leads to different conclusions. Historical enquiry Use a range of sources to find out about an aspect of history, recognise primary & secondary sources, confidently use books & internet to research. Suggest omissions to a historical account and the means of finding out. Bring knowledge gathered from several sources together in a fluent account. Historical Language Develop the appropriate use of historical terms, using orally and in written accounts, deploying an historical understanding of abstract terms such as peasantry and parliament. 		