



# Robins Lane Primary School

## History Curriculum Map

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 1	<b>The Great Fire of London</b> This theme is about the Great Fire of London, an event beyond living memory which is significant nationally. Children will ask and answer basic questions about the Great Fire and its effects. They will consider why it happened, its results and the different ways in which it is represented. They will develop their understanding of the passing of time and sense of chronology of the event. They will also be introduced to the concept of a first-hand historical source.	<b>How have things changed since our grandparents were at school?</b> In this theme, children will develop their chronological understanding through, initially, exploring changes within their own living memory. They will consider aspects of national life as well as events more familiar to them. They will then investigate the changes in living memory of their grandparents and older people and deepen their understanding of first-hand historical sources by interviewing a familiar person.	<b>How has technology changed our lives?</b> In this theme, children will learn how technology has changed over the years and how it has changed our lives. They will learn about two significant individuals (Tim Berners-Lee and William Caxton). They will make comparisons between the two people and the impact of earlier developments in communications technology. They will explore the significance of the early printing press and compare it with modern day technology.
Year 2	<b>The Rainhill Steam Train Trails – a significant local event</b> This theme is about the Rainhill Trails competition which took place locally in 1829 to decide which locomotive would be chosen for the soon-to-be-built Liverpool and Manchester Railway. The children will find out who Robert Stephenson was and, using historical images, will investigate the competition entries. They will also explore how the locomotive developed over time.	<b>Who were the great explorers?</b> In this theme children learn about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements (namely, Ibn Battuta, Captain Cook, Roald Amundsen, Captain Scott and Sunita Williams). Children learn the difference between 'significant' and 'famous' individuals. They will also develop their chronological understanding by sequencing key events within each explorer's life.	<b>How has flight changed over the years?</b> In this theme, children will explore how humans have developed their ability to fly. They will begin by learning the legend of Icarus before studying the Montgolfier Brothers contribution to balloon flight. They will then explore how air flight was developed up to the Wright Brothers' successful sustained flight. They will then move on to exploring space travel and Neil Armstrong's achievements. Linked to this study, children will also identify significant historical individuals in transportation (including: Amelia Earheart, Amy Johnson, Tim Peake and Helen Sharman).
Year 3	<b>Stone Age through Bronze Age to Iron Age</b> In this theme children will learn about changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. They will learn that people have lived in Britain for a very long time and that this period of study covers over 10,000 years of history. The children will learn about: the late Neolithic hunter-gatherers and early farmers, for example, Skara Brae; Bronze Age religion, technology and travel, for example, Stonehenge; Iron Age hill forts, tribal kingdoms, farming, art and culture.	<i>Large geography-focused learning in Spring</i>	<b>Ancient Civilisations, focusing on Ancient Egypt</b> In this theme, children learn about the achievements of the earliest civilisations including those of the Ancient Sumer, The Indus Valley, The Shang Dynasty and Ancient Egypt, going on to study Ancient Egypt in more depth. Children will compare and contrast these periods, identifying the particular strengths of each one and drawing parallels between them (particularly their reliance on the rivers they were built around).
Year 4	<b>What was our town like in the past?</b> In this theme, the children will find out how our town developed and grew. They will study the rise of coal mining in the area and the development of the local glass industry. They will use sources, such as census data, to develop their understanding of what people did in the past. As part of this unit, they will also study how the town, including its transport routes and key buildings, has developed and changed.	<b>EUROPE PAST AND PRESENT - Roman Britain</b> The Roman invasion of Britain was hugely significant in shaping the British nation. The learning within this theme focuses on the settlement in Britain by Romans, and the impact on British life and society that occurred as a result. Due to the huge amount of evidence that exists around this period in British history, it provides an ideal opportunity for a visit to an archaeological site and museum, which will be the Roman Museum and amphitheatre in Chester. During this study, the children will also learn about Julius Caesar's attempted invasion in 55-54 BC, their army's successful invasion by Claudius and conquest, including Hadrian's Wall, Boudica's role in the British resistance, the 'Romanisation' of Britain and the impact of technology, culture and beliefs, including early Christianity.	<i>Large geography-focused learning in Summer</i>

<p><b>Year 5</b></p>	<p><b>Britain's settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots</b> In this theme children learn about Britain's settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots. They will learn that people have been coming to settle in Britain for a long time. They will learn where in Britain the Anglo-Saxons settled, their ways of life and about some of the tensions caused by their settlement.</p> <p><b>Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England</b> This theme will follow on from the above theme which will be delivered in the preceding half-term. Learning within this theme focuses on events in British history from the Fifth Century until 1066. This period of time includes Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and Normans. Children will have studied Anglo-Saxon society in the preceding half-term. The children will study The Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor, including: 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.</p>	<p><i>Large geography-focused learning in Spring</i></p>	<p><b>Inventors and Inventions from the Early Islamic civilisation</b> The learning within this theme focuses on a non-European society that provides contrasts with British history e.g. the early Islamic civilisation in Baghdad around the year AD900, commonly known as the Islamic Golden Age.</p>
<p><b>Year 6</b></p>	<p><b>How did the two world wars impact Liverpool?</b> As part of a Remembrance Day project with Year 6 classes from our school network, the children will develop a chronological understanding of the two world wars. They will then investigate The Blitz and its impact on Liverpool, including the evacuation of children and an empathy of what that would have been like. They will then visit the city to view a key landmark that was affected by The Blitz. Whilst there, they will see the recent monument to commemorate Armistice Day and study the underpinning true story. The children will then join with local schools' Year 6 classes to celebrate this learning at the Lowe House Church remembrance service in the town centre.</p>	<p><b>What do we mean by empires and civilisations?</b> In this unit, children will revise what is meant by an empire and a civilisation by reflecting on those they have learned about across key stage 2. The children will have a number of opportunities to compare civilisations and establish differences, similarities and significance. They will review the concept of peasantry and slavery as well as how and why the civilisations studied came to an end.</p>	<p><b>Ancient Greece</b> In this theme, children will learn how Ancient Greece was a time which saw the emergence of great philosophers, a passion for the arts and the development of governance. The learning focuses on life in Ancient Greece and the impact that their thinking and ideas have had on the western world. There will be a particular focus on Ancient Greece's contributions to democracy and the theatre. They will explore Ancient Greece's democratic systems and compare them to those used in UK today. They will also explore the theatre's role in providing entertainment, both then and now. This will link to a residential visit to London during which the children will visit the Houses of Parliament, a theatre and the British History Museum.</p>