

# Curriculum Big Questions for HISTORY

Our 'Big Questions' allow teachers to frame narratives and focus the learning within the unit of work. These overarching questions have multidimensional answers that require a breadth of knowledge to answer comprehensively. Asking and subsequently answering these bite-sized questions allows children to feel a sense of progression as they chip away at the larger, overarching question.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Whole School Focus on Vision</b>	Errol's Garden		Pip and Egg	Miss Twiggley's Tree	Magic and Mystery of Trees	I am the Seed that Grew the Tree	The Magical Tree
<b>Term 1 History focus</b>	Understanding the World <b>Ourselves</b>	<b>My Family</b> Monarchy link <i>A recent historical figure</i>	<b>Edward Wilson &amp; Ernest Shackleton</b> <i>Local historical figures</i>	<b>Stone Age to Iron Ager</b>	<b>Cheltenham Architecture</b> <i>Local History</i>	<b>The Mayans</b>	<b>The Victorians</b> <i>Local History</i>
<b>Big Question</b>	How am I special?	What is special about me and my family?	Why were Wilson and Shackleton so inspirational?	Would you rather have lived in the Stone Age or the Iron Age?	How has architecture changed in Cheltenham?	Were the Mayans top of the class?	Did the Victorians make Britain great?
<b>Term 3 History focus</b>	Understanding the World <b>Amazing Creatures</b>	<b>Toys Through Time</b> Old and New	<b>The Great Fire of London</b>	<b>Nelson Mandela</b> <i>A recent historical figure</i>	<b>Ancient Greece</b>	<b>Greta Thunberg</b> <i>A recent historical figure</i>	<b>Migration Nation</b>
<b>Big Question</b>	Who is Mary Anning?	How have toys changed in the last 100 years?	How did London change after the fire?	What impact did Nelson Mandela have on the world?	Would you rather be a Spartan or an Athenian?	Why did the world stop and listen to Greta Thunberg?	How has migration impacted a nation?
<b>Term 5 History focus</b>	Understanding the World <b>Eggs</b>	<b>The Seaside</b>	<b>Florence Nightingale</b> <i>An historical figure</i>	<b>Ancient Egypt</b>	<b>The Romans</b>	<b>The Vikings and Anglo Saxons</b>	<b>World War II</b> in Cheltenham <i>Local History</i>
<b>Big Question</b>	What hatches out of eggs?	How have seaside holidays changed over time?	How did Florence Nightingale change nursing?	What did the ancient Egyptians believe?	What have the Romans done for us?	Ruthless killers or peaceful settlers?	What makes a war hero?

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