

KS2 (UPPER) HISTORY CURRICULUM OVERVIEW FOR PARENTS

History in Upper Key Stage 2 deepens children's understanding of significant periods from British and world history. They learn to use evidence thoughtfully, ask questions about cause and consequence, and explore how people's choices have shaped the modern world.



Children learn about:

- The Industrial Revolution – how innovation, industry and social change transformed Britain.
- Ancient Islamic civilisation – a golden age of learning, invention and culture that influenced the wider world.
- Ancient Egypt – exploring beliefs, achievements and the legacy of one of the world's earliest civilisations.
- World War II – understanding the causes, global impact and personal stories of this major turning point in history.

These studies help children connect British and world history and see how ideas, trade and discovery link civilisations together.



Children explore:

- How societies grow, adapt and influence one another.
- The experiences of individuals and groups, including leaders, inventors and ordinary people.
- How historians use evidence to understand the past – and how interpretations can differ.

This helps children develop a balanced and reflective view of history, appreciating its complexity and diversity.



Children will use historical skills to:

- Use timelines to link British and world history.
- Evaluate and interpret a range of sources, including artefacts, photographs, and eyewitness accounts.
- Compare different periods, identifying patterns such as power, belief, trade and technology.
- Present their findings clearly using evidence and reasoned argument.

This prepares children to think critically, research independently, and communicate their understanding effectively.



History helps children:

- Appreciate how past events and people shape life today.
- Develop empathy, judgement and respect for different perspectives.
- Build confidence in asking questions and forming opinions based on evidence.
- Recognise connections between local, national and global stories.



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KS2U How can I help my child at home?

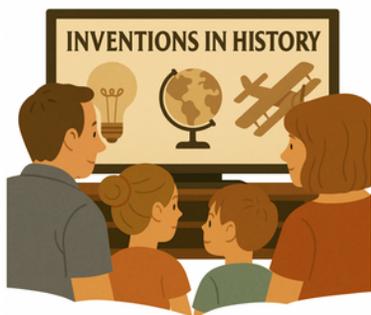
History in Upper Key Stage 2 encourages children to think more deeply about the past – making links between British and world history and exploring themes such as power, civilisation, exploration and human rights. Children use a wide range of sources to question, interpret and evaluate evidence, developing a thoughtful understanding of how the past shapes the modern world.

Encourage your child to research a historical figure or event that interests them.



Visit museums or exhibitions about the Victorians, Ancient Egypt or World War II.

Explore family stories or photographs from different generations.



Watch programmes or read articles about inventions, explorers or key events in history.

Talk about how developments like electricity, medicine or transport changed people's lives.

