





Knebworth Primary School History Matrix



Children will be inspired to learn about and from the past and develop empathy for the lives of others throughout history so that they can shape a better future world.

"A people without the knowledge of their past origin and culture is like a tree without roots."

Marcus Garvey

Curriculum aims:

KS1:

Changes within living memory

Events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally

The lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements, some should be used to compare aspects of life in different periods Local history

KS2:

Continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British, local and world history, establishing clear narratives within and across the periods they study Note connections, contrasts and trends over time and develop the appropriate use of historical terms

Regularly address and sometimes devise historically valid questions about change, cause, similarity and difference, and significance

Construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation of relevant historical information

Understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources and that different versions of past events may exist, giving some reasons for this

3 concepts - leadership, conflict and childhood

Deep Roots	Autumn			Spring		Summer	
~~	Disciplinary	Substantive	Disciplinary	Substantive	Disciplinary	Substantive	
	Knowledge	Knowledge	Knowledge	Knowledge	Knowledge	Knowledge	







Y1	Constructing the Past, Significance	The Gunpowder Plot Events Beyond Living Memory Which are	Significance and Interpretation,	Transport Changes within Living Memory	Comparison, Cause and Effect, Change	Victorians Comparing the Lives of 2 Significant Individuals	King, queen, space race, astronaut, timeline, Queen
	and Interpretation,	Significant Nationally	Comparison, Sources,	Leadership – Brunel	and Development,	Leadership – Queen	Victoria, Victorians, family
	Cause and	Leadership – James I	Change and	and beginning of	Using sources	Victoria	victorians, ranning
	Effect	and government	Development	passenger railways	, o		Change, past,
					To understand	Conflict – Assassination	source, leadership,
	To identify	Conflict – causes of	To identify	Conflict – The Space	To evaluate	attempts on Queen	conflict, childhood
	To explain	plot	To empathise	Race	To compare	Victoria	
	To understand		To form		To empathise		
	To understand		judgements	Childhood – Toy cars	To form	Childhood – holidays	
	cause and effect	Other suggested substantive concepts	To use sources	(use to explore the	judgements	Other suggested	
	errect	to explore (others can		history of cars)	To use sources	Other suggested substantive concepts	
		be added as needed):		Other suggested		to explore (others can	
		1. Monarchy		substantive concepts		be added as needed):	
		2. Religion		to explore (others can		1. Queen	
		3. Revolution		be added as needed):		2. King	
		4. Nation		 Innovation 		3. Empire	
		5. Parliament		2. Travel		4. Mutiny	
		6. Commemorat		Resistance		5. Assassination	
		ion		4. Country		6. Economy	
				5. President			
				6. Inventor		END OF VEAD. How	
		To know:				END OF YEAR: How have holidays changed	
		1. The date of		Writing: How have		since the Victorian	
		bonfire night 2. What The		cars changed over		time?	
		Gunpowder		time?		•	
		Diot was				To know:	
		3. How do we		To know:		1. Victoria was	
		celebrate it		 Russia and 		Queen of	
		today		America were		England	
		4. Why it is		in the space		2. The	
		celebrated		race		Similarities	
		celebratea				and	







	Deep Roots High Aspirations	
5. James I was king	2. Who Neil Armstrong is	Differences between
king Hands on History: What are we celebrating – children watch a video of a firework display and look at a range of artefacts such as, a letter, picture of the houses of parliament. They have to guess what celebration we are learning about. Cross Curricular: SCIENCE seasonal changes ART Firework pictures GEORGAPHY Cultural traditions	Armstrong is 3. Who Katherine Johnson was 4. That trains have changed from steam to electric 5. How cars have changed Hands on History: Role play area – Use the role play area to allow children to pretend being an astronaut. Cross Curricular: ART Space – Starry Night by Van Gogh SCIENCE Space – Planets and solar system DT Moving Cars	between Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II 3. There were 7/8 assassination attempts on Queen Victoria 4. What Victorians did on holiday 5. Similarities and differences to holidavs todav 6. That a primary source is from that time Hands on History: Victorian Beach day, children engage in activities Victorians would have e.g. postcard writing, Punch and Judy show, ice cream Cross Curricular: STEM Brunel – create a
		stable structure







Y2	Sequencing the Past, Constructing the Past, Change and Development, Cause and Effect and Significance and Interpretation To identify To explore To understand cause and effect	Great Fire of London Events Beyond Living Memory Which are Significant Nationally Leadership — Charles II/Thomas Bloodworthy Conflict — Role of Bloodworth Other suggested substantive concepts to explore (others can be added as needed): 1. Destruction 2. Sacrifice 3. Rebuild 4. Loss 5. Rights 6. Ruler Writing: recount in English books and newspaper report. Great fire of London workshop. To know:	Significance and Interpretation, To explain To evaluate To explore To understand To use sources	Aztecs Leadership — Tlatoque/Tlatoani/em peror Conflict —The Spanish Invasion Other suggested substantive concepts to explore (others can be added as needed): 1. Legends 2. Invasion 3. Settlement 4. Empire 5. Migration 6. Colony Writing: What are the similarities and differences in the stories of Montezuma's treasure? To know: 1. What a Tlatoani was 2. The story of Montezuma's	Constructing the past, Significance and Interpretation, Using sources To identify To explain To compare To empathise To form judgements To use sources	ART Seaside art – Monet Textiles – William Morris Tudors History in Local Area Leadership – Tudor kings and Queens Conflict - War of the Roses – focus on Battle of Bosworth Childhood – Elizabeth I, Edward VI and Mary I Tudor day and looking at Hatfield House/Knebworth house. END OF YEAR: Report on Henry 8 th . To know: 1. 3 different Tudor monarchs 2. Who was fighting for power at Bosworth 3. The role of a king	Great Fire of London, mayor, tlatoani, Aztecs, legend, Tudors, estate, oppose, solve, trust, popular, child, adult Chronological, significance, impact, local history,
		To know:		,			







1.	Charles II was
	king

- 2. 1 strategy to fight the fire
- 3. Who Bloodworth
- 4. How London changed after
- How the fire started
- 6. What The Monument is
- 7. Events during the fire

Hands on History:
We are archaeologists

– Have pictures or
artefacts and other
items related to the
Great Fire of London
and put them into
buckets/boxes with
shredded paper in.
Give children
paintbrushes to clean
the artefacts. Children
have to search in the
paper to excavate the
artefacts.

Cross Curricular: GEOGRAPHY map work

- 3. The Aztecs invented chocolate
- 4. The Spanish invaded the
- 5. What modern country the Aztecs were from

Hands on History: Chocolate tasting -Children are shown different types of chocolate and think about it in Aztecs times and how it has changed

Cross Curricular:
ART
Mask making – Aztec
masks
ENGLISH
Looking at varying
stories
DT/SCIENCE
Chocolate production

- 4. What Tudor children did
- 5. 1 Tudor child who grew up at Hatfield House
- 6. What Hatfield House was used for
- 7. How children's lives have changed throughout periods studied

Hands on History:
Family Tree —
Pretend the children
are genealogists. Turn
the classroom into a
conservation room —
put magnifying glasses
and gloves out. Give
the pictures of the
Tudor monarchs and a
blank family tree.
Where does each
member of the family
go?

Cross Curricular: SCIENCE Living things and their habitats







						GEOGRAPHY Our island home ENGLISH Visual literacy –	
Y3	Sequencing the past, Constructing the past To evaluate To understand To identify To compare To use timelines	Stone Age — Iron Age changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age Conflict — early weapons, Amesby archer Childhood — roundhouses/daily life Other suggested substantive concepts to explore (others can be added as needed): 1. Hunting 2. Settlement 3. Ancestor 4. Home 5. Family 6. Tools To know: 1. When the stone age was in relation to	Significance and Interpretation, Compare and Contrast To understand To explain To discuss To compare To explore To use sources To understand cause and effect To evaluate	Romans the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain Leadership – Role of emperor, focus on Ceasar Conflict – Boudicca Childhood – Roman housing/what it was like to be a child Other suggested substantive concepts to explore (others can be added as needed): 1. Rebellion 2. Invasion 3. Kingdom 4. Tribes 5. Treaty 6. Trade Writing: What inventions did the Romans bring to Britain? To know:	Using sources, Significance and Interpretation To understand To explain To discuss To compare To explore To use sources To identify	Romans A local history Study Concepts as before Further lessons on Local Roman history. Visit to St. Albans Roman Verulamium or Welwyn Roman baths. END OF YEAR: What signs of history are in our local area? Know that: 1. There were Roman settlements in the local area 2. Primary sources come from the time period 3. Secondary sources come from after the event	Neanderthal, archaeologists, artefacts, roundhouse, invasion, Roman, mosaic, villa, respect, passion, solution, argument, Compare, contrast, justify, primary, secondary
		today		TO KITOW:		3.3	





environments



Deep Roots High Aspir	rations		
2. The Stone	1. The	4. Historians	
Age people	difference	learn about	
were hunter-	between a	the past from	
gatherers	monarch and	sources	
5. VVIIat Cave	an emneror	5. Not all	
paintings are	2. Who Julius	sources are	
4. A difference	Cesar was	reliable	
between the	3. Who	Handa on History	
stone age and	Boudicca was	Hands on History: Market day at St.	
iron age	4. How Boudicca	Albans Verulamium –	
leaders	rebelled	looking at artefacts	
5. Who the	5. Features of a	and discussing what	
Amesby	Roman house	they may have been	
Archer was	6. That there	used for. Recreating a	
6. Features of a	are remains	Roman market.	
roundhouse	in St. Albans		
7. The change	7. 3 Roman	Cross Curricular:	
tools which	inventions	GEOGRAPHY	
were used	Hands on History:	Volcanoes and Mt	
Hands on History:	Learn about Roman	Vesuvius ENGLISH	
Turn the classroom	inventions through	Reading and	
into a 'cave' for the	independent research	interpreting sources	
children to create	e.g. books, computers	interpreting sources	
their own cave	and pictures. Carousel		
paintings. Each child	children around		
has a statement they	different stations		
must communicate	letting them discover		
through their picture.	information.		
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Cross Curricular:	Cross Curricular: GEOGRAPHY		
Cave paintings	Volcanoes and Mt		
GEOGRAPHY	Vesuvius		
Settlements and	ENGLISH		







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		STEM		Interpreting and using		
		Architecture – houses		sources		
Y4	Sequencing	Anglo – Saxons/Vikings	Significance	Anglo – Saxons/Vikings	Ancient Egyptians	Longboat, Vikings,
	the past	Britain's settlement by	and	(continued)	the achievements of	Anglo-Saxons,
		Anglo-Saxons and	Interpretation,		the earliest civilizations	monarchy,
	To understand	<u>Scots</u>	Cause and			destruction,
	To explain	the Viking and Anglo-	Effect, Change		Leadership – Pharaohs	Alexandria,
	To evaluate	Saxon struggle for the	and			literature,
	To compare	Kingdom of England to	Development,		Childhood –	papyrus,
	To explore	the time of Edward	Using sources		Tutankhamun life and	hieroglyphics,
		the Confessor			discovery/ Howard	Pharaoh, pyramid,
			To understand		Carter	Puritanism,
		Leadership – Anglo-	To explain			parliament,
		Saxon invasions,	To compare		Other suggested	archaeologist,
		settlements and	To explore		substantive concepts	honesty, integrity,
		kingdoms	To identify		to explore (others can	resolved, friction
			To empathise		be added as needed):	
		Conflict – Invasion of			1. Absolute	Cause, effect,
		Lindisfarne			monarchy	sequence,
					2. Autocracy	timeline,
		Childhood – Anglo-			3. Destruction	empathise
		Saxon and Viking			4. Resistance	'
		Stories				
					5. Power	
		Other suggested			6. Burial rites	
		substantive concepts			END OF YEAR: Have	
		to explore (others can			monarchies always	
		be added as needed):			been successful?	
		1. Invasion			been successiui:	
		2. Army			To know:	
		3. Conquest			1. What a	
		•				
		4. Military			pharaoh is	
		5. Religion			2. The power a	
		6. Monk			pharaoh had	







Possible: Visit to West		3. Who	
Stow		Tutankhamun	
		was	
Writing: How did the		4. How	
Vikings invade		Tutankhamun	
Britain?		was	
		discovered	
To know:		5. Where	
1. That the Battle		artefacts	
of Hastings		come from	
was in 1066		6. What an	
2. The Scots		archaeologist	
invaded from		is	
Ireland into		7. 2	
Northern		achievements	
Britain (now		of the Ancient	
Scotland)		Egyptians	
3. Who Edward		Lgyptians	
the Confessor		Hands on History:	
was		Discovery of a king -	
4. The Vikings		Set the classroom out	
invaded		as if the children are	
Lindisfarne		entering a tomb, they	
5. Features of a		crawl in and see	
Viking		pictures of artefacts	
longboat		and any physical ones	
6. 1 Norse		available. They have to	
mythology		decide about the type of person whose tomb	
story		they have found.	
7. The story of		ancy have found.	
Beowulf		Cross Curricular:	
		SCIENCE	
Hands on History:		Skeletons and muscles	
Who is it? – Teach that		GEOGRAPHY	
Lindisfarne has been		map work	
invaded. Set classroom			







	out like a crime scene and hand out evidence bags to show pictures of things that were found. Who has invaded? Cross Curricular: ENGLISH Reading stories GEOGRAPHY Different countries and routes					
Y5		Significance and Interpretation, Sequencing the past, To understand To explain To evaluate To compare To use sources To empathise	Greeks Ancient Greece Leadership — democracy Conflict — The Greeks at war Childhood — role of children Other suggested substantive concepts to explore (others can be added as needed): 1. Democracy 2. Public 3. Freedom 4. Law 5. Rights 6. Peace	Change and Development, Cause and Effect, Using sources, Historical investigations To understand To explain To evaluate To use sources To identify To explore	Victorian Crime and Punishment a study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066 Leadership – Police Force Conflict – Sentences and Elizabeth Fry Childhood – children in jail/reformatory schools Other suggested substantive concepts	Rank, army, war, trench, warfare, democracy, leader, Trojan, Troy, crime and punishment, justice, empowering, collaborative, dispute, settlement, education, routine Judgements, evidence, provenance, bias







Deep Roots High Aspirators	
Writing: How did the Greeks impact our society today? To know: 1. What democracy is 2. That the Greeks invented democracy 3. The importance of democracy 4. What a hoplite was 5. What a child might have done in everyday life 6. Different sources used to find out about the Greeks Hands on History: Ancient Greek Day – Children can come in wearing togas. They listen to stories about gods e.g. Hercules. They can give reasons why they should be elected as leader and they have a vote.	to explore (others can be added as needed): 1. Law 2. Justice 3. Crime 4. Punishment 5. Freedom 6. Judiciary END OF YEAR: Was John Walker guilty: case study To know: 1. How the police force started 2. 1 problem facing the police 3. 1 problem facing everyday people 4. Who Elizabeth Fry was 5. Ways in which Elizabeth Fry changed the prison system 6. What happened to children who broke the law







				Cross Curricular: GEOGRAPHY map work WELLBEING Role of democracy		7. How to tell if a source is unreliable Hands on History: Case study - Use sources to tell if John Walker was guilty. Turn the classroom into a court room and children argue their ideas and cross examine witnesses. Cross Curricular: ENGLISH reading and interpreting sources	
Y6	Significance and Interpretation,	WWII a study of an aspect or theme in British	Sequencing the past, Change and	Mayans a non-European society that provides	Cause and Effect, Sequencing	Henry VIII (if Time) Local history	Civilisation, empire, evacuation, prime
	Constructing	history that extends	Development	contrasts with British	the past,	Leadership – his role as	minister,
	the past, Using	pupils' chronological	·	history	Change and	a king	autocratic,
	sources	knowledge beyond	To understand		Development		marriage, divorce,
		<u>1066</u>	To explain	Leadership – Leader		Conflict – marriages	beheaded,
	To understand	Loadorchia roloaf	To evaluate	hierarchy	To identify		communicative,
	To explain To evaluate	Leadership – role of prime minister,	To identify To form	Conflict – the fall of	To explain To compare	Other suggested	genuine, compromise,
	To use sources	Churchill/Chamberlain	judgements	the Mayans	To empathise	substantive concepts	reconciliation,
	To empathise	,	, 01		To form	to explore (others can	negotiation,
		Conflict – War		Childhood – education	judgements	be added as needed):	
					To use sources	 Marriage 	Reliable,
		Childhood –		Other suggested	To understand	2. Religion	unreliable,
		evacuation		substantive concepts	cause and	3. Tyranny	evaluate, effective,
				to explore (others can be added as needed):	effect	4. Divorce	uneffective,
				be added as fielded):		5. Inherit	







Other suggested substantive concepts to explore (others can be added as needed): 1. Military 2. Appeasement 3. World 4. Country 5. Nationality 6. Politics Writing: Diary entry (evacuation), newspaper report (attack on Coventry), persuasive text (army recruitment) To know: 1. Who Winston Churchill and Neville Chamberlain were 2. What Chamberlain' s appeasement policy was a press and reate a headdress. For the dance performance with the work of hards and reate a headdress. For the dance performance was some process and reate a headdress. For the dance performance was some process and reate a headdress. For the dance performance children could use face paint to create the look of a Mayan priest. 1. Society 2. Civilisation? END OF YEAR: Throughout history, who has been the best leader of Britain? Visit to Knebworth House looking into Tudor life there To know: 1. The role of Mayan kings 2. The Spanish invade the Mayan kings 3. What made henry Vill was 2. What an autocratic rule is 3. What made Henry Vill an autocratic king 4. Henry Vill an autocratic king 5. 2 activities Henry Vill enjoyed as a child henry Vill enjoyed as a child henry Vill had to change the church to	Deep Roots	High Aspirations	
4. What evacuation was dance performance children could use face paint to create the look of a Mayan priest. 6. The 6 wives of Henry VIII 7. Henry VIII had to change the church to	substantive concepts to explore (others can be added as needed): 1. Military 2. Appeasement 3. World 4. Country 5. Nationality 6. Politics Writing: Diary entry (evacuation), newspaper report (attack on Coventry), persuasive text (army recruitment) To know: 1. Who Winston Churchill and Neville Chamberlain were 2. What Chamberlain' s appeasement policy was 3. 3 reasons	2. Civilisation 3. Nobility 4. Invasion 5. Monarch 6. King Writing: Why did the Spanish invade the Mayan civilisation? To know: 1. The role of Mayan kings 2. The Spanish invaded 3. What noble children learned 4. What remains of Mayan society Hands on History: Dance — Learn the steps to the Mayan Jaguar Dance, children could research Mayan priests and create a	END OF YEAR: Throughout history, who has been the best leader of Britain? Visit to Knebworth House looking into Tudor life there To know: 1. Who Henry VIII was 2. What an autocratic rule is 3. What made Henry VII an autocratic king 4. Henry VIII had an older brother, Arthur 5. 2 activities Henry VIII enjoyed as a child
Cross Curricular: divorce	were 2. What Chamberlain' s appeasement policy was 3. 3 reasons why WWII started 4. What evacuation	Dance – Learn the steps to the Mayan Jaguar Dance, children could research Mayan priests and create a headdress. For the dance performance children could use face paint to create the look of a Mayan priest.	an older brother, Arthur 5. 2 activities Henry VIII enjoyed as a child 6. The 6 wives of Henry VIII 7. Henry VIII had to change the church to







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5. Hardships	GEOGRAPHY	8. That there is	
faced by	Natural disasters	Tudor history	
those		in Knebworth	
evacuated		17 1 12 1	
6. 1 source		Hands on History:	
which tell us		The Great Egg-xecution	
about WWII		– in groups. Each group	
		has hard boiled 6 eggs	
Hands on History:		which they paint to	
Evacuation Christmas		look like the 6 wives.	
Party Day – Children		They can then use	
come into school		them to show what	
dressed up. They make		happened to each	
name tags and think		wife.	
about things they		Cross Curricular:	
would pack. Take part		RE	
in activities children		Christianity	
would have enjoyed		ENGLISH	
when evacuated.			
Could take them to		Reading and	
the village hall and		interpreting sources	
hold an austere			
Christmas party. Have			
a practise air raid siren			
and put on an alarm			
and children have to			
hide.			
Cross Curricular:			
ART			
WWII sketching			
ENGLISH			
Reading and			
interpreting sources			

Key - Green – Statutory curriculum subjects





We have identified the most crucial knowledge that we want to ensure all child	dren know in	each year group.	These are called ou
'Golden Nuggets'. These are identified by a golden box around the statement			

Deep Roots