

The World Wars



Intent

Our History curriculum includes termly topics for all children from Year 1 to Year 6, mainly taught in chronological order and embedded in our English curriculum through links with high-quality texts. We offer a high-quality history education that will help pupils gain a coherent knowledge and understanding of Britain's past and that of the wider world. Visits and wider opportunities inspire pupils' curiosity to know more about the past and deepen their understanding of their place in time. Teaching should equip pupils to ask perceptive questions, think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments, and develop perspective and judgement. History helps pupils to understand the complexity of people's lives, the process of change, the diversity of societies and relationships between different groups. It also helps children gain a sense of their own identity within a social, political, cultural and economic background. Because of this, we feel it is important for the subject to be taught discretely as well as incorporated within other curriculum subjects such as English and Art.

English – National Curriculum/ Skills	Overview
Inspired by Friend or Foe, children write:	Immersed in the text, the children write a diary as
- Recounts,	an evacuee placed in the Devon countryside, with
- Persuasions and	an emphasis on 'show not tell' to describe
- Biographies.	characters and settings.
Inspired by In Flanders Fields, children write their own war poem.	
Inspired by The Christmas Day Truce, children write:	Write a balanced argument using the language of
- their own narrative and	debate and modal verbs.
-letters	

Year Group: 6



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In narratives, describe settings, characters and atmosphere.	Research and select information to include in their
Use a range of devices to build cohesion (e.g. conjunctions, adverbials of time	biographies of Anne Frank; varying sentence
and place, pronouns, synonyms) within and across paragraphs.	starters and using relative clauses.
Use the range of punctuation taught at key stage 2 mostly correctly;	
Distinguish between the language of speech and writing and choose the	Look at scenes from WW1 and use them as
appropriate register.	inspiration to write a poem based on In Flanders
Selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary for effect.	Fields.
Use 'show not tell' to describe feelings.	
Use fronted adverbials.	Research the story of the Christmas Day Truce and
Use conjunctions and phrases to indicate time.	footballers who were to war and use these as
Advanced punctuation: brackets, dashes, commas to show parenthesis.	inspiration to write a story of the Christmas Day
Empathy with, and understanding of, a text.	Truce.
Varying sentence starters.	
Researching and selecting relevant information	Write an informal letter, as a World War 1 soldier,
Use modal verbs.	to a loved one.
Use relative clauses.	
Using 'language of debate'.	
Use modal verbs.	
Structuring texts.	
Use subordinate clauses.	
Use reported speech	
Use a wide range of cohesive devices.	
History/RE – National Curriculum/ Skills	Overview



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Continue to develop a chronologically, secure knowledge and understanding of	Using the book 'Friend or Foe' as a stimulus,
British, world history, establishing clear narratives within and across the	children study the causes of WW2 and how this
periods they study.	impacted on the lives of children in the UK and the
Construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and	wider effects on the country. To enrich this they
organisation of relevant historical information.	dress as evacuees and take part in three activities at
Summarise the main events from a period of history, explaining the events and	Ryedale Folk Museum followed by visiting Pickering
what happened.	during their 'War Weekend' event which immerses
Identify and explain propaganda.	the children into the life of an evacuee.
Describe a key event from Britain's past using a range of evidence from	To coincide with Remembrance Day the children
different sources.	learn the causes, events and aftermath of WW1-
Describe the features of historical events and way of life from periods I have	largely through poetry- and how this lead to WW2.
studied; presenting to an audience.	
Find out about Anne Frank and how Jews were persecuted during the war.	Children study the 'Diary of Anne Frank' and write a
	biography of her. Linked to this the children look at
	the Holocaust and their persecution during the war.
	(British Values: tolerance).
Art – National Curriculum / Skills	Overview
Improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting	Children create propaganda posters.
with a range of materials (for example, pencil, paint).	They design and make scaled model Anderson
Children will develop their skills using pencils, cross-hatching and shading.	shelters using a range of materials.
	They draw portraits of WW1 soldiers from the
	Christmas Day Truce using pencils, cross-hatching
	and shading.



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Debate & Discussion Opportunities	Trips and Experiences	Possible Linked Texts
What is tolerance?	Ryedale Folk Museum/Pickering War Weekend	Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo Various War Poetry
	Nissan factory STEM visit	The Boy at the Back of the Class. (PSCHE)