

Autumn 1 History	Autumn 2 Geography	Spring 1 History	Spring 2 Geography	Summer 1 History	Summer 2 Geography
<p><u>The Ancient Mayans</u> In this unit, Children will learn who the ancient Maya people were and where and when they lived. They will learn about the religious beliefs and rituals of the ancient Maya people and find out more about some of the many gods they worshipped. The children will also learn about the Maya number system and have the opportunity to read and write Maya numbers and solve number problems. They will learn about the Maya writing system too and practise writing words using logograms and syllabograms in the hieroglyphic style of the ancient Maya people.</p>	<p><u>Protecting our planet</u> In this unit, children will explore the world's key environmental issues (focusing on our oceans) including, coral reefs, plastic pollution and the Antarctic. Children will briefly recap climate change and the effect it is having on our planet. Children will learn about how human behaviour affects the coral ecosystem, and explore how increased carbon dioxide levels are harming reefs. Children will understand how human activities are affecting the oceans and the impact that plastic pollution has upon marine life. Children will then explore how climate change is affecting Antarctica, they will find out what is happening to ice shelves and glaciers in Antarctica.</p>	<p><u>World war 2</u> In this unit, children will explore why World War II began and find out about the key individuals and countries involved. In addition to this, they will discover all about evacuation; learn what it was like to live with food rationing and explore the contribution made by women to the war effort. Furthermore, they will learn important facts about the Holocaust and investigate events that were key turning points in the war, such as the Battle of Britain and the German invasion of Russia.</p>	<p><u>Trading across the world</u> In this unit, children find out about how goods and services are traded around the world. They will explore the UK's trade links today and in the past, finding out about goods imported and exported and the methods of transport used. Through a more detailed look at one of the UK's trade partners, the children will learn about the benefits of trading internationally, as well as the risks to this area. The children will also learn about fair trade and why it is important in a global market. Children will research the top 10 imports and exports from the UK.</p>	<p><u>Industries in Birmingham and the World</u> In this unit, children will begin by exploring why the Industrial Revolution was important to Britain. They will explore the impact that canals had on trade and transport in Britain and how this links in with our own local area. Children will understand how Birmingham has evolved from a small Anglo Saxon hamlet, and has experienced rapid growth in the last 200 years. Over time, our city has evolved into the centre of the UK's manufacturing and car industries. Children will explore other significant industries such as, Cadbury world, the jewellery quarter and key sporting industries such as Aston villa FC. Children will explore why we as a city trade and import/export goods.</p>	<p><u>Wonderful water</u> In this unit, children will begin by revisiting the water cycle. They will consolidate their learning by demonstrating how the water cycle works. Children will then explore a significant aspect of our local area – canals. Children will explain how and why canals were made. They will explain how canals are different from rivers. Children will explore how water determines the location of settlements, economic activity and the distribution of natural resources. Children will explore the role canals played at home and abroad during the first and second world wars. They will go on local area walk and will explore key engineers who are still remembered today for their contribution to the canal network including James Brindley.</p>