St Joseph's Catholic School History Curriculum

Year 1	Learning objectives	Key Vocabulary
		Famous People
MY FAMILY HISTORY:	In this unit, the children will:	oral history, same, different, compare, before, after,
	 develop an awareness of the past 	past, now, timeline, 20th century, 1950s, 1960s, 21st
What was life like when our	 know where the people and events they study 	century, grandparent, growing up, year, clue,
grandparents were children?	fit within a chronological framework	object/artefact, matching, modern, old, vocabulary
	 identify similarities and differences between 	related to different types of house (terraced, flats,
	ways of life in different periods	bungalow, semi-detached) and features of houses
	 use a wide vocabulary of everyday historical 	(bathrooms, heating etc.), inventions, materials,
	terms	condition, design, packaging, similar, comics,
	 ask and answer questions, choosing parts 	classify, locality, supermarket, shopping mall,
	of sources to show that they know and	shopkeeper, parade of shops, grocer, greengrocer,
	understand key features	tobacconist, market, delivery vans, cash register,
	 understand some of the ways in which we find 	rationing, playground games, punishments, rote,
	out about the past	school, chalk board, dip pen and ink.
	 identify different ways in which it is represented. 	
THE GREATEST EXPLORERS:	In this unit, the children will:	explorer, map, discover, equipment,
	 know where the people they study fit within a 	adventure, trade, great, desert,
Who were the greatest explorers?	chronological framework	caravan, Hajj, uncharted, navigation,
	 develop an awareness of the past, using common words 	botanist, naturalist, indigenous, pirate,
	and phrases relating to	territory, replica, polar, hero, equipment,
	the passing of time	race, recent, astronaut, space,
	 understand some of the ways in which we find out about 	memorial, achievement, significant
	the past	
	 identify different ways in which it is represented 	Ibn Battuta,
	 ask and answer questions, choosing and using sources to 	Captain Cook,
	show that they know	Roald
	and understand the key features of events	Amundsen,

GREAT INVENTIONS: TRANSPORT: How did the first flight change the world? Why were the Rainhill Trials important?	 use parts of sources to show that they know and understand key features of events use common words and phrases relating to the passing of time In this unit, the children will: develop an awareness of the past, using common words and phrases relating to the passing of time know where the people and events they study fit within a chronological framework Ask and answer questions, choosing and using parts of stories and other sources to show that they know and understand key features 	Captain Robert Falcon Scott Sunita Williams inventor, invented, flight, century, eyewitness account, travel, journey, evidence, aviation, transport, propeller, steer, pilot, glider, modern, cockpit, elevators, engine, fuselage, jet, landing gear, rudder, impact, trade, leisure, inventor, canal, toll, source,
		toll, source, locomotive, freight, significance, commemorate, livery. Wright Brothers
		George Stephenson

Year 2	Learning objectives	Key Vocabulary
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BONFIRE NIGHT AND THE GREAT FIRE	In this unit, the children will:	Stuart period, King James 1, earlier, treason, plot,
OF LONDON:	 develop an awareness of the past, using common words 	Catholic,
Should we still celebrate Bonfire	and phrases relating to	Protestant, evidence, sources, traditional, rhyme,
Night? Did the Great Fire make	the passing of time	orally, hero, villain, terrorist, treason, customs,
London a better or worse place?	 choose and use parts of stories and other sources that 	tradition, commemorate, importance,
	they know and	relevance, effigy, law, repeal, now, then, cause,
	understand key features of events	important, water squirt, fire bucket, fire hook,
	 understand some of the ways in which we find out about 	eyewitness, diary, interpretation, consequences,
	the past	impact, benefit.
	 identify different ways in which it is represented 	
	 use a wide vocabulary of everyday historical terms 	Guy Fawkes
	 know where events they study fit within a chronological 	Samuel Pepys
	framework.	Christopher Wren
HOLIDAYS:	In this unit, the children will:	holiday, recent past, twentieth century,
How have holidays changed over	 learn about changes within living memory 	seaside resort, accommodation, leisure,
time?	 understand historical concepts such as 	souvenir, bank holiday, recent past, infer,
	continuity and change, similarity and	promenade, entertainment, deckchair, pier, Punch
	difference	and Judy, bandstand, seawall, value, fiction, fact,
	 ask historically valid questions 	research, continuity, change, same, different,
	 identify similarities and differences between 	tourist, tourism,
	ways of life in different periods	anachronism, reconstruction, modern,
	• ask and answer questions	interpretation
	 understand some of the ways in which we 	
	find out about the past	
	 identify different ways in which the past is 	
	represented	
	 use a wide range of everyday historical 	
	terms	
	 use parts of stories and other sources 	
	to show they know and understand key	

features of events	
 use sources to show they know and 	
understand the past	
 suggest reasons why changes took place. 	
In this unit, the children will:	portrait, hero, significant, local, courage, past,
 use common words and phrases relating to the passing of 	sequence, chronological order, source, image,
time	photograph, experts, observe, heroes, evidence,
 know where the people they study fit within a 	clues, artefact, fragile, experts, objects (and
chronological framework	related words e.g. texture, material, inscription),
ask and answer questions	document (and related vocabulary, e.g. census
 study significant historical people and places in their own 	return, handwritten), information, significant,
locality	museum, display, exhibit, curator
 understand some of the ways in which we find out about 	
the past and identify different	Local Heroes: Personal, Islington and London
ways in which it is represented	
 choose parts of sources to show that they know and 	
understand key features of events	
 use a wide vocabulary of everyday historical terms. 	

Year 3	Learning objectives	Key Vocabulary
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THE STONE AGE: What was new about the New Stone Age?	In this unit, the children will: • use common words and phrases relating to the passing of time • develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British history • develop the appropriate use of historical terms, and note connections and contrasts over time • construct informed responses that involve the selection of relevant historical information • regularly address historically valid questions about similarity and difference • understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources • establish clear narratives within and across the periods they study.	Stone Age, prehistory, prehistoric, Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, archaeology, flint, artefacts, Ice Age, quarry, Skara Brae, Stonehenge forage, hunter-gatherer, domesticated, reconstruction drawing, decay, evidence, settlement, community, slave, crop, revolution, settlement, role, significance, inference, saddle quern, midden, dresser, tomb, dolmens, barrows, mounds, henge, solstice, grave goods, aerial photograph, sacred, monument, megalith, significant, technology, social, agriculture, revolution.
THE BRONZE AGE AND THE IRON AGE: Which was more impressive – the Bronze Age or the Iron Age?	In this unit, the children will: • use common words and phrases relating to the passing of time • develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British history • address historically valid questions about change, similarity and difference • develop the use of historical terms • understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources • construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation of relevant historical information	impressive, smelting, bronze, hoard, ore, mould, period, status, beaker, archer, evidence, interpretations, radiocarbon dating, DNA testing, beliefs, afterlife, torc, inference, marine archaeology, persuasive argument, technology, tribe, viewpoint, wattle and daub, roundhouses, crannog, broch, ingot, hill fort.

	address historically valid questions about trends and	
	significance	
LOCAL HISTORY:	In this unit, the children will:	significant, listed, period names, architecture, names
Why should we preserve our locality?	 use common words and phrases relating to the passing of 	of features
	time	related to the buildings, architectural terms, terms
	 develop a chronologically secure knowledge and 	related to time
	understanding of British and local	periods, campaign, migration, leisure, worship,
	history	heritage.
	 develop the appropriate use of historical terms 	
	 address and devise historical valid questions about 	Windrush Statute and Whittington Hospital
	change, cause, similarity,	
	difference and significance	
	 construct informed responses that involve selection of 	
	relevant information	
	• understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed	
	from a range of sources.	

Year 4	Learning objectives	Key Vocabulary
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YEAR 4 UNIT 1 – THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS: How much did the Ancient Egyptians achieve?	In this unit, the children will: • study the achievements of the earliest civilisations • develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understand of British, local and world history • note connections, contrasts and trends over time • develop the use of historical terms • understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources • address and devise historically valid questions about similarity, difference and significance • construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation of relevant historical information.	ancient, civilisation, fertile, shaduf, irrigation, achievement, hieroglyph, archaeologists, cartouche, antiquities, scribes, society, seals, sarcophagus, excavation, inscription, papyrus, mummification, role, achievement, hierarchy, priest, farmer, agriculture, scribe, pharaoh, archaeobotanical, pyramid, engineering, technology, stonemason, ramp, construction, lever, sphinx, creation, mummification, canopic jar, shabti, time capsule Lord Carnarvon King Tutankhamun Rameses III Akhenaten Cleopatra
ROMAN BRITAIN: What happened when the Romans came to Britain?	In this unit, the children will: • develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British history • address historically valid questions about change, cause and significance • construct informed responses that involve the thoughtful selection and organisation of historical information • understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources	invade, invasion, conquer, republic, empire, emperor, status, glory, barbaric, legacy, resistance, primary evidence, interpretations, conquer, client kings, centurion, tablet, Picts, heritage, forts, garrisons, camber, groma, impact, transport system, positive, negative, significant, representation, interpretation, legions, legionaries, auxiliaries, testudo, centurion,

	 note connections, contrasts and trends over time and develop the appropriate use of historical terms address and devise historically valid questions about 	Boudicca Septimius Severus,
CRIME AND PUNISHMENT:	similarity and difference In this unit, the children will:	rules, society, crime, punishment, values,
How has Crime and Punishment changed over time?	 develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British history establish clear narratives over periods of study note connections, contrasts and trends over time and develop the use of historical terms understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources address historically valid questions about continuity, and change and cause address and devise historically valid questions about continuity and change, similarity and 	poaching, witchcraft, riot, pillory, transportation, flogging, attitudes, execution, vagabond, poaching, highwayman, smuggling, police, respect, hostile, truncheon, cartoon, severe crime, lesser crime, liberty, transportation, prison, hulks, gaol, separate system, silent system, oakum, suffrage, suffragettes, discrimination, prejudice, terrorist, extremism, democracy, parliament, change, continuity, attitudes, values
	difference, and significance • construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation of relevant historical information.	Emmeline Pankhurst Dick Turpin Olaudah Equiano Stephen Lawrence Malala Yousafzai

Year 5	Learning objectives	Key Vocabulary
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THE ANGLO-SAXONS: Was the Anglo-Saxon period really a Dark Age?	In this unit, the children will: • develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British and world history • develop the appropriate use of historical terms • understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources • construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation of relevant historical information • note connections, contrasts and trends over time • regularly address and devise historically valid questions about significance	invasion, settle, reconstruction, Dark Ages, pagan, plunder, Scandinavia, grave goods, archaeologist, excavation, function, sceptre, garnet, millefiori, hoard, metal detecting, saga, chronicle, illuminated manuscript, ecclesiastical, conversion, monastery, Old English, proof, evidence, counter argument, decay, excavate, preserved, deduction, interpretation, stratigraphy, classification, cataloguing, strata, shard, site, trench. King Ethelbert of Kent Alfred the Great
THE VIKINGS: Would the Vikings do anything for money?	In this unit, the children will: • develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British history • understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources • establish clear narratives within and across the periods • develop the appropriate use of historical terms • address historically valid questions about cause and significance • construct informed responses that involve the thoughtful selection and organisation of relevant historical information • note contrasts and connections over time	raid, raider, monk, monastery, Viking, sacked, looted, abbey, migrate, settle, overpopulation, inheritance, causes, invader, settler, push and pull factors, significant, Wessex, monarch, cult, runes, longhouses, saga Leif Erikson

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JOURNEYS:	In this unit, the children will:	journey, migration, emigration, immigration,
What makes people go on a journey?	 develop a chronologically secure 	migrant, refugee, invader, settler, explorer, impact,
	knowledge and understanding of	voyage, status, Tudor, indigenous, portrait, symbol,
	British and world history	adventurer, charter, Edwardian, sentimental, class,
	establish clear narratives	fact, opinion, persecution, anti-Semitism, pogrom,
	address and devise historically valid	Kindertransport, Great Depression, prejudice,
	questions about significance and	discrimination, settle, interpretation, British Empire,
	cause and change	calypso, colour-bar, asylum seeker, economic
	 understand how our knowledge of 	migrant, illegal immigrant.
	the past is constructed from a range	
	of sources	Tensing Norgay
	note connections, contrasts and	
	trends over time.	

Year 6	Learning objectives	Key Vocabulary
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THE MAYA CIVILISATION:	In this unit, the children will:	religious, social, economic, cultural, political,
Why should we remember the Maya?	 establish clear narratives within and across 	civilisation, pyramid, temple, conclusion, evidence,
	periods they study	reconstruction, archaeology, city state, sacrifice,
	 regularly address historically valid questions 	Meso-America, nobles, creation, hierarchy, sacrifice,
	about similarity and difference and significance	bloodletting, conquistadors, technology, culture,
	 construct informed responses that involve 	glyphs, agriculture, astronomy, calendar, trade,
	thoughtful selection and organisation of	interpretations, theory, climate change, conquer,
	relevant historical information	decline, codex/codices, pagan, scribe, significance.
	 understand how our knowledge of the past is 	
	constructed from a range of sources	
	 note connections, contrasts and trends over 	
	time	
	 develop the appropriate use of historical terms 	
	 address and devise historically valid questions 	
	about change, cause and significance.	
THE ANCIENT GREEKS:	In this unit, the children will:	Minoan, Mycenaean, Classical, Hellenistic, Roman
What did the Greeks do for us?	develop the use of historical terms	Greek, city-state, democracy, architecture, empire,
	 address and devise historically valid questions 	culture, terrain, predict, polis, agora, trireme,
	 understand how our knowledge of the past is 	monarchy, oligarchy, citizens, slaves, suffrage,
	constructed from a range of sources	stadium, Olympic, revival, marathon, myth, temple,
	 construct informed responses that involve thoughtful 	priest, hoplite, phalanx (strong block formation),
	selection and organisation of relevant historical	interpret, legacy, impact.
	information	
	 continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge 	Socrates
	and understanding of world history	Plato
	 consistently answer and ask historically valid questions 	Aristotle
	about similarity and difference.	Alexander the Great
		Archimedes
THE IMPACT OF WAR:	In this unit, the children will:	sources, evidence, reliability, bias, utility, memorial,
	develop a chronologically secure	thankful village, civilian, inscription, casualty,

Did WWI or WWII have the biggest
impact on our locality?

knowledge and understanding of British, local and world history

- address and devise historically valid questions about change, cause and significance
- understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources
- note connections, contrasts and trends
- construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation of historical information
- develop the use of appropriate historical terms.

protected/reserved occupations, conscription, volunteer, Blitz, evacuee, Kindertransport, refugee, logbook, rationing, imports, rural, urban, propaganda, home, guard, Zeppelins, Luftwaffe, barrage, shells, bombs, memorial, commemorate, symbolism, inscription, plaque, frieze, Tommy, patriotism, mourning.

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