



Fir Tree Junior School History

The objectives for History as set out in the National Curriculum for year 3-6 is detailed in this document. For each year group the objectives for learning are set out under local and ancient history

History in Year 3

Pre-Roman Britain

Our children will learn about changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. This could include:

- late Neolithic hunter-gatherers and early farmers, for example, Skara Brae
- Bronze Age religion, technology and travel, for example, Stonehenge
- Iron Age hill forts: tribal kingdoms, farming, art and culture

Roman Britain

Our children will learn about the Roman empire and its impact on Britain. This could include:

- Julius Caesar's attempted invasion in 55-54 BC
- the Roman Empire by AD 42 and the power of its army
- successful invasion by Claudius and conquest, including Hadrian's Wall
- British resistance, for example, Boudica
- "Romanisation" of Britain: sites such as Caerwent and the impact of technology, culture and beliefs, including early Christianity

Local History

Our children will learn about an aspect of local history. For example:

- a depth study linked to one of the British areas of study listed above
- a study over time tracing how several aspects of national history are reflected in the locality (this can go beyond 1066)
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History in Year 4

Anglo-Saxons & Scots

Our children will learn about Britain's settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots. This could include:

- Roman withdrawal from Britain in c. AD 410 and the fall of the western Roman Empire
- Scots invasions from Ireland to north Britain (now Scotland)
- Anglo-Saxon invasions, settlements and kingdoms: place names and village life
- Anglo-Saxon art and culture
- Christian conversion – Canterbury, Iona and Lindisfarne

Anglo-Saxons & Vikings

Our children will learn about the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor. This could include:

- Viking raids and invasion
- resistance by Alfred the Great and Athelstan, first king of England
- further Viking invasions and Danegeld
- Anglo-Saxon laws and justice
- Edward the Confessor and his death in 1066

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History in Year 5

Extended chronological study

Our children will learn about an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066. For example:

- the changing power of monarchs ; Victoria
- changes in an aspect of social history, such as crime and punishment from the Anglo-Saxons to the present or leisure and entertainment in the 20th Century
- the legacy of Greek culture (art, architecture or literature)

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Ancient Greece

Our children will learn about a study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world

History in Year 6

Ancient Civilizations

Our children will learn about the achievements of the earliest civilization of ancient Egypt – an overview of where and when the civilization appeared

Non-European Study

Our children will be learn the Mayan civilisation, a non-European society that provides contrasts with British history

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