

History fires pupils' curiosity about the past in Britain and around the world and at Elmridge, we endeavour to bring History to life for our pupils through a combination of cross-curricular theme planning and discrete History lessons. We encourage pupils to become detectives who explore the past in a multi-sensory manner. It is not only about learning simple facts and dates but a development of the understanding of History skills such as an understanding of chronology and using primary and secondary sources of evidence.

In line with the changes to the National Curriculum which came into effect in September 2014, the way History is taught at Elmridge is changing. In the Foundation Stage and KS1, pupils will continue to be taught through theme work, combining History, Geography, Art and DT, to give our younger pupils a secure understanding of a topic. They will be taught to recognise the distinction between the present and the past in their own and other people's lives. They find answers to some simple questions about the past by looking at artefacts including household items, toys and old photographs of seaside holidays.



To aid with the transition to the new Curriculum, pupils in KS2 will undertake one theme unit of study during the Autumn term then will be taught History through discrete subjects lessons. The children investigate significant people, events and places from British History. They find out about the people who invaded Britain, including the Romans and Vikings and study a variety of ancient civilisations.

All pupils at Elmridge are given the opportunity to participate in a number of class trips throughout the year and these are often linked to theme work. History visits in the past have included the Manchester Museum, Staircase House, the Grosvenor Museum, Chester as well visits to school from various famous people from the past.

Year	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
N	Theme dependent on children's interests- Please check the Nursery class page on the website for details of theme work each term.		
R	Theme dependent on children's interests- Please check the Reception class page on the website for details of theme work each term.		
1	The Jurassic Forest <i>and</i> Out of this World	Toys in the Past	Around Our School
2	The Great Fire of London	Fighting Fit	Holidays
3	The Romans <i>Theme unit encompassing both History and Geography</i>	<i>Geography Unit taught</i>	Stone Age to Iron Age
4	Henry VIII and the Tudors <i>Geography Unit taught</i>	<i>Geography Unit taught</i>	The Egyptians
5	Ancient civilisations –Greeks	Vikings and Anglo-Saxons	<i>Geography Unit taught</i>
6	Battle of Britain	<i>Geography Unit taught</i>	Non-European Society <i>Geography Unit taught</i>