HISTORY TOPICS AT ST NICHOLAS SCHOOL

EARLY YEARS up to YEAR 2	The early learning goals are focussed on the memories of the child. It may be that they are asked to remember a special event, routine, or custom for their family. They may talk about differences between family members or different generations.	Across the key stage children may be asked to learn about specific people or events that are both within and beyond living history. Popular choices often include people like Neil Armstrong or Tim Peake, Grace Darling, Florence Nightingale or Mary Seacole. Events such as The Great Fire of London, the First plane/space flight or themes such as Toys/ Seaside lend themselves to learning about the past.
YEAR 3	Stone Age to Iron Age	Roman Empire and its effect on Britain
YEAR 4	Vikings and Anglo Saxons up to Edward the Confessor. How they Influenced and changed British Culture.	A local study: our school/Reedham Orphanage/Purley. How it was started and by whom, changes in everyday life for children past and present.
YEAR 5	In depth study of early civilisations: Egypt	Ancient Greece – Life, Achievements, Influence – particularly on British Culture
YEAR 6	A local history study beyond 1066. Relate to the local area. How has Purley/Croydon developed from Victorian times? Influence of World War 1 and 2 on local area – Biggin Hill, Kenley, Croydon Airport. Influence on society – railways, people, inventions (relating to local area where possible)	In depth study of non-European society that contrasts with British history: Early Islamic Baghdad 900AD/Mayan dynasty 900 AD/Benin 900-1300AD (choose one)