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	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Early Years	In EYFS, children will begin to develop their understanding of history through exploring their own lives, families and the world around them. They will start to recognise that things change over time and that the past is different from the present. Children will talk about significant events in their own lives, such as birthdays, family celebrations and starting school, developing an awareness of the sequence of events and the passage of time. They will learn about the lives of people who are important to them and begin to compare aspects of life now with life in the past through stories, photographs, artefacts and discussion. Children will explore similarities and differences between themselves, their families and communities, making connections between past and present experiences. Through role play, storytelling and enquiry-based activities, they will begin to ask questions about the past and develop an understanding that history helps us learn about how people lived before us.		
Year 1/2 Cycle A	**How have toys and games changed over time?** Theme – Past and Present	**How have explorers, pirates and sea travel changed our understanding of the world?** Theme – Past and Present	**How have seaside holidays changed over time?** Theme – Past and Present / Local Study (Whitley Bay/South Shields)
Year 1/2 Cycle B	**How has school life changed over time?** Theme – Past and Present / Change	**How and why did the Great Fires of London and Gateshead change people's lives?** Theme – Significance / Change	**Why are Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole remembered today?** Theme – Significance / Change
Year 3	**What changed between the Stone Age and Iron Age?** Theme – Settlement / Chronology	**What impact did the Romans have on Britain?** Theme – Legacy / Invasion / Settlement	**What impact did George Stephenson have on the development of the railways in Britain?** Theme – Legacy / Significant Individuals / Local Study

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Year 4	**What were some of the significant achievements for the Ancient Egyptians?** Theme – Civilisation	**What changes did the Anglo Saxons bring to Britian?** Theme – Invasion / Settlement / Power	**How did the Vikings threaten the Anglo Saxon rule over Britian?** Theme – Invasion / Settlement / Power
Year 5	**What was the Felling Pit Disaster?** Theme – Local Study / Legacy	**What were the great achievements of the the Ancient Greeks?** Theme – Legacy / Civilisation	**Why were the Maya so successful?** Theme – Civilisation
Year 6	**How did WW2 change life in Britain and out local area?** Theme – Power	**How has crime and punishment changed over time?** Theme – Chronology	**What can we learn about Gateshead from the work of Charlie ~Rogers?** Theme – Local Study