

Dodford First School

Our Values				
Perseverance	Respect	Independence	Determination	Excellence
Our Golden Threads				
Vocabulary and Oracy	Breadth and Mastery	Diversity and Inclusion	Digital Literacy and Personal Safety	

Humanities Curriculum Statement

Our Humanities curriculum inspires children to become curious, thoughtful and respectful learners who develop a deep understanding of people, places, the past and the world around them. As a small village first school, we make the most of our rich local environment, enabling children to begin with what is familiar before broadening their understanding to the United Kingdom and the wider world. Through carefully sequenced learning in history and geography, children build secure knowledge alongside the disciplinary skills needed to ask questions, interpret evidence, analyse sources, use maps and explain change over time.

Vocabulary and oracy are at the heart of our curriculum, ensuring children can confidently discuss, justify and communicate their understanding using accurate subject-specific language. Learning is enriched through fieldwork, educational visits, visitors and meaningful first-hand experiences that bring learning to life and foster a lifelong curiosity about the world. Our curriculum is ambitious, inclusive and accessible for every child. Diverse people, cultures and perspectives are woven throughout learning, helping children develop respect, empathy and an appreciation of different communities and experiences. By the time children leave our school, they have developed secure historical and geographical knowledge, confidence in enquiry, and the ability to think critically about the world around them. They are articulate, resilient and independent learners who demonstrate perseverance, respect and pride in their achievements, and are well prepared for the next stage of their education as informed, responsible and active citizens.

Humanities Curriculum Overview

	Topic 1	Topic 2	Topic 3	Topic 4	Topic 5	Topic 6
EYFS Cycle A Understanding the World	Marvellous Me Who am I? Where do I live?	Happy to Help Who helped others in the past? Who helps others in my community?	Material World What historical buildings do I know? What physical and human features can I find?	Spring Around the World What was it like when Sir David Attenborough was a boy? Where does Sir David Attenborough live?	An African Adventure Who was Nelson Mandela? Where in the world is Africa?	We're going on a Bug Hunt Who is Michael Rosen? What minibeasts can I find in my local area?

EYFS Cycle B Understanding the World	Starting School Who do I live with? Where do I go to school?	My Place in the World What was the world like in the past? Where is my place in the world?	Winter Wonderland What was it like prehistory? Where are the coldest places on Earth?	Toy Town What were toys like in the past? How can I go to a new place?	My Wonderful World Who was Florence Nightingale? Where did Florence Nightingale live?	Summer Adventures Where did people go on holiday in the past? What is a beach and where can I find them?
Years 1 and 2 Cycle A	The UK Why do we use maps?	Significant People How do monarchs influence and change in society?	Inventions What inventions were made in the Victorian era?	Climate Change Would you rather live in a hot or cold place?	Significant People How did significant women from the past influence peoples' opinions?	Australia How do humans impact the environment?
Years 1 and 2 Cycle B	The UK Why is London our capital city?	Significant Events What can people learn from the Great Fire of London?	Continents and Oceans What is the difference between a continent and country or an ocean and a sea?	History of Travel Where have humans explored in the past?	Local History What was our school like in the past?	Our School Where is Bromsgrove and its location within the UK?
Years 3 and 4 Cycle A	Prehistory How did Britain change during prehistory?	Europe How does Dodford compare to Marseille in France?	The Romans How did the Romans change British society for the better?	East Asia Is there a link between volcanoes and earthquakes?	Mayans How did the Mayan civilisation differ to 9 th century England?	Africa How narrow would our food be without imported foods?
Years 3 and 4 Cycle B	Climate Change What is the impact of human processes on our planet?	The Anglo Saxons Did the settlement by the Anglo-Saxons make England a better or worse place to live?	South America What is a river's journey?	The Vikings Were the Vikings just fierce warriors?	North America How does Worcester compare to Banff in Canada?	Local History What was the significance of Worcester city in the civil war?