



History Reading Spine

Parish Church of England Primary School

Our Curriculum Promises:

Encourage **R**esilience and perseverance

Develop **A**rticulate learners

Influence aspirations

Nurture curiosity

Instil **B**ritish and Christian Values

Provide **O**pportunities to build upon knowledge and skills

Promote **W**ellbeing and health



“Reading as the beating heart.”

With “reading as the beating heart” of our Rainbow Curriculum, our ‘History Reading Spine’ has been carefully selected to complement our QUEST approach to lesson delivery. The selection of books is intended to nurture our children’s curiosity further in addition to providing opportunities to build upon knowledge and skills. The core text is intended to support the acquisition of knowledge throughout the topic and drive learning forward; therefore, the class teacher will choose when to deliver this to have the greatest impact. Learning is further enhanced by a range of supporting texts.

- **Core Text** (A book which is shared with a class to develop knowledge throughout the unit of work. Ideal for PIES inspiration during English lessons and central to learning within the History unit).
- **Supporting Text(s)** (A book which is ideal for children to independently study and learn key knowledge or information, often providing sources of information and evidence. This supports further learning about the topic and could also be perfect for a cross-curricular VIPERS Reading lesson).

The School’s Library Service is also used to provide a plethora of books that complement our curriculum delivery and are used throughout all History topics as additional supporting texts. Alternative resources, such as the internet for research and use of maps, may also be appropriate, meaning that individual books have not been chosen for each topic.

Each core text has fulfilled the four following criteria (Mary Myatt, 2021) to be chosen:



Year 2 History:					
Topic: Our Queen		Topic: History of Flight			
Core Text		The Queen - Richard Brassey	Core Text		The Story of Flight.
Supporting Text(s)	A - The Queen's Orangutan. B - A Walk In London.	Supporting Text(s)	Taking Flight - How the Wright Brothers Conquered the Sky.		

Year 3 History:						
Topic: Ancient Greeks		Topic: The Victorians		Topic: Pre-Historic Britain		
Core Text		Julius Zebra Grapple with the Greeks	Core Text		Street Child	
Supporting Text(s)	A - Meet The Greeks. B - CGP - Greece	Supporting Text(s)	A - Victorian Toys. B - Victorian Life - Schools and Homes. C - CGP - The Victorians.	Core Text		Stone Age Boy
				Supporting Text(s)	A - History Detective Investigates - Stone Age to Iron Age. B - CGP - Stone Age to Celts.	