

Firmly based on National Curriculum History knowledge skills and understanding these creative history focus weeks are designed to fire pupils' curiosity about the past, from the immediate locality to Britain and wider world, encourage strong interest in historical enquiry and raise standards of engagement and understanding. They link strongly to the primary framework for literacy, the citizenship curriculum, ICT, and other curriculum areas.

These focus weeks include creative history activities designed for each year group from foundation stage upwards. Activities include drama, poetry, freeze frames, artefact design, soundscapes, digital video news reports, and art and design activities.

These weeks are planned as whole-school activities but are equally suitable to be carried out as a class or year group activity. Each project takes one week to complete. However, the activities in the focus weeks could be used by individual classes at any time to enhance and extend learning in history.

They cover the following themes

- Local history
- Archaeology
- Famous people

The History Focus Week CD includes a bank of customisable material, including

- suggested timetables
- sample letters to parents
- comprehensive lesson plans with accompanying resource sheets
- additional materials such as images and data banks to use within lessons
- launch assemblies
- PowerPoint presentations for pupils
- PowerPoint presentations for teacher INSET
- Assessment materials