

 CRADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL	2026 - 2027	2025 - 2026
Nursery	All About Me This project supports children in developing an understanding of themselves, their families and their immediate community. Through stories, photographs and discussion of familiar routines, children begin to explore their own past and present, recognise important people in their lives and build a sense of identity and belonging. People Who Help Us This project supports children in developing speaking and listening skills through familiar experiences, stories and routines. Children learn to express their needs, feelings and ideas, join in with conversations and build vocabulary linked to themselves and their daily lives. Over time, they develop the ability to recall and retell events, sequence experiences and use language to explain, question and make sense of their world, strengthening their sense of identity and understanding of their own personal history.	Knights and Castles This project teaches children about life in the past through the theme of castles and knights. Using stories, role play and images, children begin to explore differences between past and present, learn about significant features such as castles and armour, and develop early understanding of how people lived long ago. Transport and Travel This project teaches children about transport past and present. Through discussion, exploration and play, children learn about different types of transport, how they have changed over time and how people travel for different purposes, developing early understanding of change, invention and the wider world.
Class 1	Me and My Community This project teaches children about their own lives, families and local community. Through stories, photographs and discussion, children explore similarities and differences between past and present, including how they have changed over time and the roles people play in their community can change. Dinosaurs and Beyond This project teaches children about the distant past through dinosaurs and significant historical events such as the moon landing. Using stories and simple sources, children learn that some things happened a long time ago, begin to understand change over time and explore how we find out about the past through evidence and information.	Let's Explore This project teaches children about their local environment and the wider world. Through observation, maps, stories and simple fieldwork, children learn about important places and how environments and communities can change over time, using simple sources such as photographs and stories. They begin to explore different places across the world, understand simple geographical differences and learn about significant people such as explorers, developing early awareness of place, change and discovery. Animal Safari This project teaches children about animals and the natural world. Through observation, stories and exploration, children learn about different learn about animals, their features and how they live, including how animals and environments may have changed over time and are understood through stories and information sources. They begin to compare places and living things, understand how to care for animals and the environment, and explore roles such as vets, developing early awareness of diversity, habitats and how people and animals live in the world

Class 2	Movers and Shakers This project teaches children about historically significant people who have had a major impact on the world. They will learn to use timelines, stories and historical sources to find out about the people featured and use historical models to explore their significance. Magnificent Monarchs This project teaches children about the English and British monarchy from AD 871 to the present day. Using timelines, information about royal palaces, portraits and other historical sources, they build up an understanding of the monarchs and then research six of the most significant sovereigns.	Childhood History This project teaches children about everyday life and families today, including comparisons with childhood in the 1950s, using artefacts and a range of different sources. School Days This project teaches children about their own school and locality, both today and in the past. They compare schooling in the Victorian era to their experiences today.
Class 3	Through the Ages This project teaches children about British prehistory from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, including changes to people and lifestyle caused by ingenuity, invention and technological advancement. Emperors and Empires This project teaches children about the history and structure of ancient Rome and the Roman Empire, including a detailed exploration of the Romanisation of Britain.	Invasion This project teaches children about life in Britain after the Roman withdrawal. Children will learn about Anglo-Saxon and Viking invasions up to the Norman conquest. Ancient Civilisations This project teaches children about the history of three of the world's first ancient civilisations: ancient Sumer, ancient Egypt and the Indus Valley civilisation. Children will learn about the rise, life, achievements and eventual end of each civilisation.
Class 4	Dynamic Dynasties This project teaches children about the history of ancient China, focusing primarily on the Shang Dynasty, and explores the lasting legacy of the first five Chinese dynasties, some of which can still be seen in the world today. Groundbreaking Greeks This project teaches children about developments and changes over six periods of ancient Greek history, focusing on the city state of Athens in the Classical age, and exploring the lasting legacy of ancient Greece.	Maafa This project teaches children about Africa past and present, with a particular focus on Benin. It traces the development of the slave trade and explores Britain's role in the transatlantic slave trade, the causes and consequences of the European colonisation of Africa and the worldwide communities that make up the African diaspora. Britain at War This project teaches children about the causes, events and consequences of the First and Second World Wars, the influence of new inventions on warfare, how life in Great Britain was affected and the legacy of the wars in the post-war period.