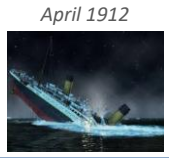
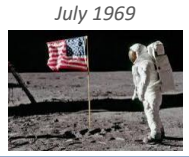
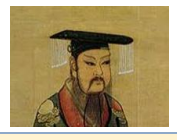
Twynham Primary History Overview

Every unit is built around one **big question**. Each lesson answers a smaller question, so that by the end of the unit children can answer the big question themselves.

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
Year 1 Age 5–6		
Toys *Victorian times (1837–1901) to today* 	**Corfe Castle** *c. 1066 – 1646* ★ **Local study** 	**Seaside Holidays** *Victorian times (1837–1901) to today* 
Big question: **How have toys changed over time?**	**Big question:** **What can we find out about the history of Corfe Castle?**	**Big question:** **How have seaside holidays changed over time?**
1 What is the past? 2 What toys do we play with today? 3 What toys did our grandparents play with? 4 What were Victorian toys like? 5 How have toys changed over time?	1 Where is Corfe Castle and what is it like today? 2 Why was Corfe Castle built? 3 What was a castle like inside? 4 Who lived in and around the castle? 5 What happened to Corfe Castle?	1 What are seaside holidays like today? 2 What were Victorian seaside holidays like? 3 How did the Victorians get to the seaside? 4 What were our grandparents' seaside holidays like? 5 How have seaside holidays changed over time?
Year 2 Age 6–7		
The Great Fire of London *2 – 6 September 1666* 	**The Titanic** *April 1912* 	**The Moon Landing** *July 1969* 
Big question: **Why did London catch on fire?**	**Big question:** **How did some people survive the Titanic?**	**Big question:** **Did people really land on the Moon?**
1 What was London like in 1666? 2 How did the fire start? 3 Why did the fire spread so quickly? 4 How do we know about the fire? Why did Pepys bury his cheese? 5 Why did London catch on fire, and what changed afterwards?	1 What was the Titanic? 2 Who was on board? 3 What happened on 14–15 April 1912? 4 Why did some people survive and others not? 5 How did some people survive the Titanic, and what changed?	1 What happened on 20 July 1969? 2 Who made the Moon landing happen? 3 What was it like on the Moon? 4 Did people really land on the Moon? 5 How was Neil Armstrong's journey like Christopher Columbus's?
Year 3 Age 7–8		
Prehistoric Britain *Stone Age to Iron Age (c. 900,000 years ago – AD 43)* 	**The Shang Dynasty** *c. 1600 – 1046 BC* 	**Ancient Greece** *c. 800 – 146 BC* 
Big question: **How do we know what life was like in prehistoric Britain?**	**Big question:** **What was life like in the Shang Dynasty?**	**Big question:** **What about Ancient Greece was considered a Golden Age?**
1 How do we find out about the time before writing? 2 How did hunter-gatherers live? 3 How did farming change people's lives? 4 Why is Stonehenge so significant? 5 What was life like in the Iron Age?	1 Where and when did the first civilisations appear? 2 Who ruled the Shang, and how? 3 What was life like for different people in Shang China? 4 What can oracle bones tell us? 5 What was life like in the Shang Dynasty?	1 Who were the Ancient Greeks? 2 Athens or Sparta: which would you rather live in? 3 How did democracy begin in Athens? 4 What did the Greeks achieve? 5 Was it really a Golden Age?
Year 4 Age 8–9		
The Romans *753 BC – AD 476 (in Britain AD 43 – 410)* 	**Anglo-Saxons and Scots** *c. AD 410 – 1066* ★ **Local study** 	**The Vikings** *AD 793 – 1066* 
Big question: **Did the Romans change the world forever?**	**Big question:** **How did the Anglo-Saxons and Scots change life in Britain?**	**Big question:** **Why did the Vikings take to the seas?**
1 How did a small city become a huge empire? 2 Why did the Romans invade Britain, and how did the Britons respond? 3 Why did Boudicca rebel? 4 How did the Romans change life in Britain? 5 Did the Romans change the world forever?	1 Who came to Britain after the Romans left, and why? 2 What was life like in an Anglo-Saxon village? 3 What does Sutton Hoo tell us about Anglo-Saxon kings? 4 How did the Anglo-Saxons become Christian? 5 What did the Anglo-Saxons leave in our town?	1 Who were the Vikings and where did they come from? 2 What happened at Lindisfarne in 793? 3 Why did the Vikings take to the seas? 4 How did Alfred fight back? 5 Raiders or settlers?
Year 5 Age 9–10		
The Maya *c. 2000 BC – AD 900* 	**Medieval Monarchs** *1066 – 1603* 	**The Kingdom of Benin** *c. AD 900 – 1897* 
Big question: **How significant was the Mayan civilisation?**	**Big question:** **Who was the greatest medieval monarch?**	**Big question:** **What was the most significant achievement of the Benin kingdom?**
1 Who were the Maya, and where and when did they live? 2 How were the Maya city-states ruled? 3 What did the Maya achieve? 4 What did the Maya believe? 5 Why did Maya cities collapse, and how significant was the Maya civilisation?	1 Who should have been king in 1066? 2 How did William take control of England? 3 Who was more powerful: the king or the Church? 4 Could anyone control the king? 5 Who was the greatest medieval monarch?	1 Where and when was the Kingdom of Benin? 2 How was Benin ruled? 3 What can the Benin Bronzes tell us? 4 How did Benin trade with the wider world? 5 What happened in 1897, and what was Benin's most significant achievement?
Year 6 Age 10–11		
The Industrial Revolution *c. 1760 – 1900* 	**The Home Fronts** *1914 – 1918 and 1939 – 1945* 	**Civil Rights in America** *1950s – 1960s* 
Big question: **How much did the Industrial Revolution change Britain?**	**Big question:** **How different was the Home Front in the First and Second World Wars?**	**Big question:** **How far did the Civil Rights movement improve race relations in America?**
1 What was Britain like before 1760, and what changed? 2 How did steam and factories change work? 3 What was life like for working children? 4 Why were towns so dangerous? 5 How much did the Industrial Revolution change Britain?	1 When were the World Wars, and what was the Home Front? 2 How did war reach people's homes? 3 What was it like to be an evacuee? 4 How did rationing and propaganda affect everyone? 5 How different was the Home Front in the two World Wars?	1 Why were Black Americans treated unequally? 2 How did ordinary people challenge segregation? 3 What part did Martin Luther King play? 4 What changed in the law? 5 How far did the Civil Rights movement improve race relations?