

**Nicol Mere Primary School**  
**History Themes**

<b>Theme</b>	<b>What does it mean and why do we learn it?</b>
<b>Legacy and Change</b>	Historians recognise that over time, change happens and many aspects of history influence both how we act and how we live today. Significant events and people can leave a legacy. Change can occur within a certain civilisation or specific time period, but also across different civilisations and time periods. Invention, advancements in technology and resources available can advance change. 'Change' refers to something that is clearly different from what occurred previously.
<b>Monarchy</b>	A monarchy is a form of government that has a single person known as monarch at its head. Monarchs use titles such as king, queen, emperor or empress. Monarchies were once common throughout the world, but now they are rare. Monarchs generally reign for life and most are hereditary.
<b>Democracy</b>	Britain is a democracy, therefore it is important for children to understand what democracy is and how it has influenced the history of Britain. The word democracy comes from the Greek words "demos", meaning people, and "kratos" meaning power; so democracy can be thought of as "power of the people": a way of governing which depends on the will of the people.
<b>Trade</b>	Trade is the action of buying goods and services. Goods and skills have been traded from prehistoric times but little evidence has survived.
<b>War and Invasion</b>	When countries or other large groups of people use weapons to fight each other, the fight is called a war. Throughout history groups of people have used war as a way of settling differences. Invaders are an army or country that uses force to enter and take control of another piece of land. Invasions of the British Isles have occurred throughout history and have shaped our nation. We have been invaded by the Romans, the Anglo Saxons and the Jutes, the Vikings and the Normans.
<b>Diversity and Equality</b>	Diversity is the range of human differences, people are different and there is no one standard that is better than the others. Britain is a diverse country. Equality means each individual or group of people is given the same resources or opportunities. Throughout history, significant individuals or groups of people have strived for equality.

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