



**Essential Characteristics of Historians**

- An excellent knowledge and understanding of people, events, and contexts from a range of historical periods and of historical concepts and processes.
- The ability to think critically about history and communicate ideas very confidently in styles appropriate to a range of audiences.
- The ability to consistently support, evaluate and challenge their own and others' views using detailed, appropriate and accurate historical evidence derived from a range of sources.
- The ability to think, reflect, debate, discuss and evaluate the past, formulating and refining questions and lines of enquiry.
- A passion for history and an enthusiastic engagement in learning, which develops their sense of curiosity about the past and their understanding of how and why people interpret the past in different ways.
- A respect for historical evidence and the ability to make robust and critical use of it to support their explanations and judgments.
- A desire to embrace challenging activities, including opportunities to undertake high-quality research across a range of history topics



**Key Stage 1**

- **The lives of significant individuals in Britain's past** who have contributed to our nation's achievements – We will be learning about Florence Nightingale.
- **Key events in the past** that are significant nationally and globally, particularly those that coincide with festivals or other events that are commemorated throughout the year.
- **Significant historical events**  
We will be learning about our local history in and around Selby.

**Lower Key Stage 2**

- 1.Changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age**  
This will include:
  - late Neolithic hunter-gatherers and early farmers, e.g. Skara Brae - Bronze Age religion, technology and travel, e.g. Stonehenge
  - Iron Age hill forts: tribal kingdoms, farming, art and culture
- 2.Roman Empire and its impact on Britain**  
This will include:
  - Julius Caesar's attempted invasion in 55-54 BC
  - the Roman Empire by AD 42 and the power of its army
  - successful invasion by Claudius and conquest, including Hadrian's Wall
- 3. The Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor**
  - Viking raids and invasion, Anglo- Saxon laws and justice.

**Upper Key Stage 2**

- 1. Ancient Greece**  
a study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world
- 2. A non-European society that provides contrasts with British history**  
Mayan civilization c. AD 900;
- 3. Key events in the past.**  
A study of the first world war linked to the hundred year anniversary.