

Year: 1



Term: Spring 2

Key Questions:

Who is Henry Bessemer? Why is our school named after him?

What was my school like before?

How has my school changed?
How was our locality different in the past? Why have there been changes?

What were some important events in London's past?

Why is our locality as it is today?
What local and national events have had an impact on our local area?

Which people have had the biggest impact on how your place is today?

What events have had an impact on our local area?

London: Now and Past

Enquiry Question: How has our school locality changed over time?

Key Knowledge - Please discuss the following with your child – giving examples from your own knowledge and experiences.

Beyond living memory

(1813-1838) Henry Bessemer was an inventor from the Industrial Revolution: He is the person our school is named after!

1851: The Great Exhibition came to London and was held in the Crystal Palace

1852: The 'Crystal Palace' was moved to Sydenham (now Crystal Palace)

1936: The 'Crystal Palace' burnt down

Within living memory

(1939-45) During the Second World War, there was lots of damage to London due to bombings. Some families even had to move away for a while.

Lots of housing in the local area was built after the Second World War.

1951 Bessemer Grange Primary School established.

Word bank:



after



before

100



century



differences



older



similar



different



timeline



change



Beyond Living Memory

Living Memory
(last century)

Henry Bessemer was born!

1851: The Great Exhibition comes to London.

1951: Bessemer Primary School established!

After WW2, Areas of London were rebuilt.

Grandparents were born

Parents/careers were born

You were born!

CLASSES: 1ST, 1NS, 1JM

Homework to be completed and returned by:
Wednesday 2nd April 2025

Dear Children and Adults,

This half term our focus will be on the history of the local area, including our school and locality of Denmark Hill, Dulwich and Camberwell. We will be learning about inventor Henry Bessemer, and his contributions to the industrial revolution. We will then look at the significance of Crystal Palace to our local area.

Spelling

Don't forget spelling rules for your Spelling words will go home with you Friday for your collaborative test the following week!



Maths

Remember to revise your **time tables**.

Practice the **number facts** you are working on each week.

And please don't forget to log onto Times Table Rock Stars!



Places to Visit:

Imperial War Museum (Lambeth)
<https://www.iwm.org.uk/visits/iwm-london>

Southwark Archives:
<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries/southwark-archives>
You can find lots of images and documents about Southwark in the past.

Local Area Walk:
Walk around the locality. What clues can you see about the history of the area? What makes a building old? What is the oldest thing you can find? Look at the old photos displayed on North Cross Road – what has changed?

Topic Homework

WRITING AND HISTORY:

You have a homework scrap book to use to complete your homework project. Over the next few weeks you could complete some of these activities or make some up of your own.

HAVE A GO AT COMPLETING AT LEAST ONE OF THE WRITING TASKS:

1. Interview a grandparent/great aunt or uncle/older adult known to the family: Can you identify some good question to ask?
e.g., What changes have you seen in the local area? What was life like...? How was London different during....? Do you know anyone who lived in London during...?
2. Look at an old map of London and a new one to compare and label.
3. Create a fact file about how your local area and how it has changed.

NOW CHOOSE SOME OR ALL OF THESE:

1. Draw/paint a picture of London at a chosen time in the past.
2. Take a photo of your local area in London in make it look old (e.g., black and white).
3. Create a diorama of London at a chosen time in the past.
4. Sort and discuss pictures of London from the past & present.
5. Create a map of where you /your grandparents live.
6. Research an interesting event that happened before your grandparents were born so we can add to our timeline.

Reading

Remember to read each day and get an adult to sign your reading record. Don't forget to collect your rewards for home reading!



Reading

BBC Bitesize KS1 – Events in Living Memory -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z8ftp4j>

Changes through time -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zj3nf82>

Oak Academy – KS1 The History of London -

<https://teachers.thenationalacademy/lessons/what-is-the-history-of-london-6dgp8r>

London: Past and Present -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3LT8NVb-IFk>

Recommended Reads:

