

HIAS History Primary e-newsletter October 2026

Dear Primary History leaders,

With the new school year underway and thoughts turning to the year ahead we have compiled some dates for your diary as well as some resources to assist you in the coming year.

October is Black History month

Teaching history well means thinking about the diversity of stories and voices children hear all through the year, not just in a particular month. As October is Black History month nationally, it provides us with an opportunity to remind you of areas that the History Centre can help you with and areas that our colleagues in the RADE Centre can help with too. You are also supported by our wonderful colleagues at Schools Library Service so please get it touch with us to support you further.

In particular, we would like to highlight that the History Centre offers two packs for Key Stage 1:

The Moon to Mars pack which features the work of Mae Jemison, Dorothy Vaughan, and Katherine Johnson in progressing human exploration of space.

The story of Mary Seacole which is explored in the Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole pack exploring their roles in the improvement of nursing.

Below are some significant black individuals with links to Hampshire who could be explored as an individual case study throughout the year:

The story of Sidney Cornell, Portsmouth [Sgt Sidney Cornell - Second World War Heroism - Black History Month 2026](#)

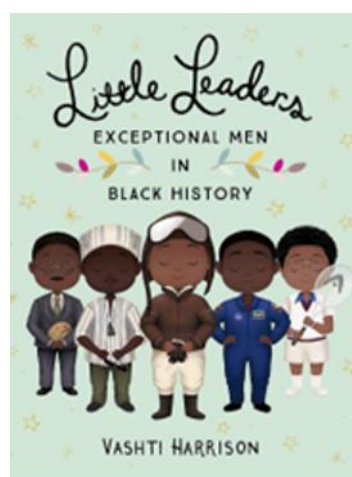
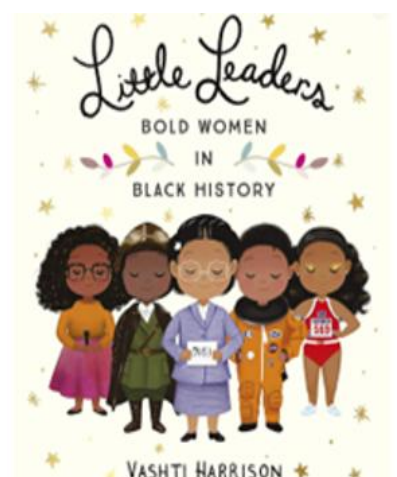
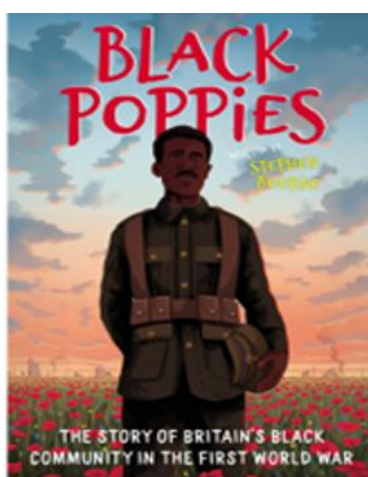
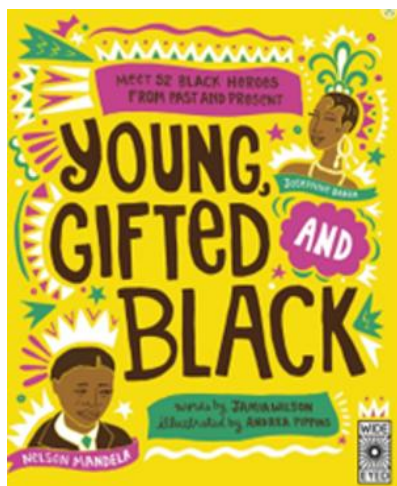
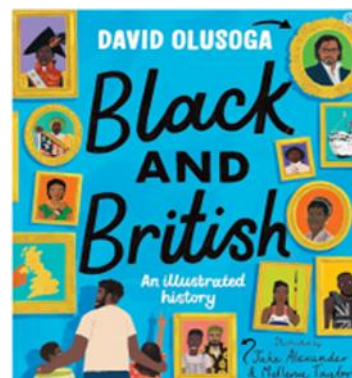
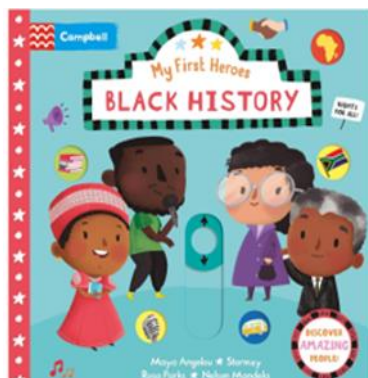
The Mixed heritage of the Mary Rose crew

[The Archer Royal](#)
[Meet-the-crew/henry](#)

Jacques Francis – Mary Rose diver [Recovery attempts – 1545-1552](#)

Marie Costa, Portsmouth [30th Anniversary - Memories from the 1970s with Marie Costa](#)

Books are also a great way to show how important black history is and below are some suggested titles:



Historical Association also offer resources here [Teaching black British history through local archives](#)



History support and resources:

Bayeux Tapestry:

As you will have heard on the news, the Bayeux Tapestry has come on loan to the British Museum. The Tapestry records the events from 1065 onwards when King Edward the Confessor, who had no children, is ailing and the question of who will succeed him is at the forefront of everyone's minds. The British Museum have produced a free to access short film which can be used in the classroom and it is an excellent way of finishing the study of the Anglo Saxon and Viking period as it explains clearly how this period ended and the Norman period began. The film can be found here [The Bayeux Tapestry online experience | British Museum](#).

Westminster Abbey:

The Abbey is hosting a special live event lasting 45 minutes on 10 November to mark Remembrance. To book your school place and to find out more contact them here [Remembrance Live | Westminster Abbey](#)

History in the News:

A time capsule from a child in the 1980s has been found in Essex: [Child's letter found under stairs in Hockley home after 44 years - BBC News](#).

The Bayeux Tapestry comes to the British Museum: [Bayeux Tapestry: Is it worth the hype? - BBC News](#)

A commuter spends 40 years cross stitching the Tapestry on his way to work!
[Bayeux Tapestry replica goes on display in Aberdeenshire - BBC News](#)

A dress made to celebrate the arrival of 1900 goes on special display:
[Lanydrock puts dress made for turn of the century goes on display - BBC News](#)

I found a Viking Sword Pommel: [Electrician finds 'stunning' Viking sword pommel at Brigstock - BBC News](#)

Leading History successfully at KS1 and KS2

Come and join us on the 25 November for our Leading History Successfully course.

A one-day course designed for new primary history subject leaders.

Opportunities to:

- lead and manage history confidently across your school
- ensure that you are prepared for the key challenges of the Ofsted framework
- develop your history curriculum with clear 'intention' that promotes progression, ensuring 'impact' and prepares children for the next phase of their education
- ensure you know what good practice looks like in history teaching
- explain to your colleagues how to 'implement' the history curriculum through the six-step approach to historical enquiry
- develop innovative and thoughtful strategies for assessment.

Location: [Portsmouth](#)

Search and book on the Learning Zone using keyword search: [Leading History Successfully](#)

History network in the spring term

This network is designed for primary history subject leaders who would value reviewing their planning, teaching and assessment of history, reviewing the Ofsted requirements, considering best practice, and updating their subject knowledge to help their confidence in the subject.

Dates:

22 February 2027, 15:45-17:45 – Virtual on Microsoft Teams

23 February 2027, 14:30-16:30 – Royal Marines Experience, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

Search and book on the Learning Zone using keyword search: [Spring History](#)

History centre publications

The History centre publications and enquiry packs are on a digital platform and can be ordered and downloaded directly to your school. We have some new and updated publications coming soon so please keep an eye on our catalogue here:

[History resources catalogue](#)

History centre artefact boxes

Our history artefact boxes are now available to book for the whole academic year. Our boxes are extremely popular so please contact the History centre on 01962 874802 to discuss available dates prior to completing a booking form.

Artefact box information can be found here:

[History Centre Artefact boxes](#)

Keep in touch!

Remember I am available to work 1:1 with you to support your curriculum development – talk to your headteacher if you would like half a day or perhaps two half days working with me on your history.

Meanwhile, please keep in touch with us in the Hampshire History team.

Have a wonderful autumn term and keep in touch.

With best wishes

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History Centre publications price list from 1 September 2026			
Ref	History subject leader essentials	Non-subs £	Subs £
H2001	History HITS2	45.00	35.00
H2021	British Timeline	60.00	50.00
H2022	World Timeline	60.00	50.00
Above	British and world timelines purchased together * <i>Special Price</i>	100.00	90.00
H2023	The History Book: guidance for primary history subject leaders	40.00	30.00
H2024	Age related expectations for History KS1-KS3 (pdf)	20.00	10.00
H2025	Subject knowledge for primary history teachers (pdf)	40.00	30.00
H2026	Primary history desktop timelines	40.00	30.00
H2027	First steps into the past: Learning about the past in the Early Years (pdf)	35.00	25.00
Ref	Key Stage 1 publications	Non-subs £	Subs £
H1001	Castles and forts of Hampshire	35.00	25.00
H1002	Moon to Mars – A history of space exploration enquiry <i>NEW</i>	35.00	25.00
H1003	Great Fire of London enquiry	35.00	25.00
H1004	Mary Anning: fossil finder enquiry	35.00	25.00
H1005	Gunpowder Plot enquiry	35.00	25.00
H1007	Within Living Memory: Toys enquiry	35.00	25.00
H1008	Myself: How I have changed <i>NEW EDITION</i>	35.00	25.00
H1009	Nursery rhymes enquiry <i>UPDATED</i>	35.00	25.00
H1010	Queens: Lives and Times enquiry	35.00	25.00
H1011	Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole enquiry	35.00	25.00
Ref	Dual Key Stage 1 and 2 publications	Non-subs £	Subs £
H2002	Titanic: Triumph or Tragedy enquiry	35.00	25.00
H1012	Isambard Kingdom Brunel enquiry	35.00	25.00
Ref	Key Stage 2 publications	Non-subs £	Subs £
H2000	How did life change between the Neolithic and the Iron Age? enquiry	35.00	25.00
H2003	Alfred the Great enquiry	35.00	25.00
H2004	Anglo-Saxons: the ruin of Britain? enquiry	35.00	25.00
H2005	Earliest civilizations depth study: Ancient Sumer	35.00	25.00
H2006	Earliest civilizations depth study: Ancient Egypt	35.00	25.00
H2008	An Overview of the Earliest Civilizations enquiry	35.00	25.00
H2009	The Greek Legacy enquiry	35.00	25.00
H2012	The Roman Empire and its impact enquiry	35.00	25.00
H2016	Vikings: Raiders or traders? enquiry	35.00	25.00
H2017	A beacon of light in the dark ages: the early Islamic civilization enquiry	35.00	25.00
	Life at sea vs life on land – Thematic study – <i>Coming soon</i>	35.00	25.00
H2018	Thematic enquiry: the changing power of the monarchy enquiry	35.00	25.00
H2019	The Maya enquiry	35.00	25.00
* Will attract VAT @ 20% for non-Hampshire LA schools		Prices apply from the 1st of September 2026	



Order via the following link: [Curriculum centre order form](#)

Artefact loan collections			
There is a minimum 3 week loan period for boxes transported to/from Hampshire schools by County Supplies.		Courier	Collect in person
Loan collections for Early Years and Key Stage 1 studies	3 week £	2 week £	1 week £
<i>Nursery Rhymes</i>	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>Toys games and pastimes</i> (within living memory)	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>Changing toys games and pastimes</i> (includes some paired toys to illustrate change)	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>Holidays within living memory</i>	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>Home life within living memory</i>	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>Victorian seaside holidays</i> (beyond living memory)	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>Victorian home life</i> (beyond living memory)	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>Castle life</i> (beyond living memory)	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>The Great Fire of London</i> (significant past event)	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>Mary Anning</i> (significant individual)	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>Queens: Lives and Times</i> (significant individuals within and beyond living memory)	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>Florence Nightingale</i> (significant individual/events beyond living memory)	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>Mary Seacole</i> (significant individual/events beyond living memory)	50.00	40.00	25.00
Loan collections for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 studies	3 week £	2 week £	1 week £
<i>Changing Technology</i> (past within living memory/thematic study)	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>Titanic left luggage trunk</i> (significant past event/local event)	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>WW2 Evacuees</i> (significant past event/post 1066/local study)	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>WW2 Home Front</i> (significant past event/post 1066/local study)	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>World War I</i> (significant past event/post 1066 study)	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>Tudor Life</i> (beyond living memory/post 1066/local study)	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>Mary Rose</i> (beyond living memory/post 1066/local study)	50.00	40.00	25.00
Loan collections for Key Stage 2 studies	3 week £	2 week £	1 week £
<i>Stone Bronze and Iron Age</i>	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>Stone Bronze and Iron Age dig – new</i>	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>Roman soldiers: fighters or builders?</i>	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>Life in Roman Britannia</i>	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>Roman Villa Excavation box – updated</i>	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>Anglo-Saxon life through death</i>	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>Anglo Saxon dig – new</i>	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>Viking life</i>	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>Viking dig – new</i>	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>Mayan artefacts and resources</i>	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>Ancient Greece</i>	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>Egyptian achievements exploration box</i>	50.00	40.00	25.00
<i>Ancient Egyptian tomb – new</i>	50.00	40.00	25.00
Loans to non-Hampshire LA schools will attract VAT @ 20%		Prices apply until the end of March 2027	



The above prices **ONLY** apply to schools that subscribe to the History Centre under Hampshire's curriculum centres' support scheme. Non-subscribing schools will have an **additional** £35 non-subscribers loading added to the prices listed above. To check your subscription status, contact us on 01962 874802.

Please telephone the History Centre on 01962 874802 to check availability of any collection(s) you are interested in booking before asking your finance officer to complete our online order form at: [Curriculum centre order form](#).

Hampshire schools will need to provide financial codes against which they will be charged. Non-Hampshire establishments will be invoiced when boxes are despatched.

Keep in touch

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