



1960s



The 1960s is known as the Swinging Sixties and is associated with the birth of British pop music and fashion. The Swinging Sixties remain the defining decade for Britain. Few decades have had the breadth of impact as the 1960s. From protest and war, to the space race, The Beatles, innovative technologies, fashion and politics. The events of that tumultuous ten-year period transformed the world, making it the most transformative decade of the modern era.

Music	Children will learn about the different types of music from this era. They will learn about famous artists and bands from the UK and USA. Children will study the lyrics and music from the Beatles and use this to create their own piece of poetry.
Beautiful Game	Children will learn about how and why football changed across the 20th century in Britain and throughout the world. They will also learn about the World Cup, the 1966 World Cup and famous footballers of the 20th century and discuss the facts, names and raise any questions they have. Children will also have the chance to create a match report of the 1966 World Cup Final.
Swinging 60s	Children will learn about how some young people spent their leisure time in the 1960s. They will listen to music from this era and even learn some new dance moves. They will even get the chance to throw their own 1960 party where they will look at the different types of fashion and party food. Children will make their own magazine based on fashion or a famous band.
Technology	Children will learn about the impact of 20th century technologies on leisure and entertainment in the 21st century. Children will learn how changes in 20th century technology affect our lives today. They will have the opportunity to create an information page on a significant piece of technology.
Martin Luther King	Martin Luther King Jr was an American campaigner for the fair and equal treatment of all people and an end to racial discrimination. A brilliant and brave man and a brilliant speaker, he was the youngest-ever person to win the Nobel Peace Prize. The children will use their studies of Martin Luther King to create a biography of his life.
Space Race	The Space Race was a competition between the US and Soviet Union to be the first country to go into space. Throughout the 1960s, the two countries were involved in the 'Cold War', a conflict where they didn't go into battle but fought each other indirectly through, spying, backing opposite sides in other wars and inventing better technologies. The end goal was for the two countries to compete to land the first man on the moon. Here, children will write a newspaper article of the first man to land on the moon.
Science	Children will learn about light, how we see shadows, reflection and refraction. They will learn how light travels and how this enables us to see objects. Children will demonstrate their knowledge by making and starring in their own television programme. Children will have the opportunity to make a periscope, finding out about mirrors and the angles of reflection and incidence. They will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate refraction, carrying out some fascinating experiments into the effects of bending light.

