HISTORY CURRICULUM PROGRESSION OF SKILLS



| | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| Chronological Understanding | Use appropriate terminology relating to the passing of time | Recognise that dates are used to identify events in the past | Use dates and terms related to the period of history being studied | Use dates and terms related to the period of history being studied | Order significant events, movements and dates on a timeline | Place current study on a timeline in relation to other studies |
| | Describe things that have happened to myself or other people in the past. | Describe memories of key events in either their own or other people's lives. | Place the period of time studied on a timeline | Place significant events and dates on a timeline | Use relevant terms and labels for periods of time | Use dates and specialist terms appropriately |
| | Sequence 3 or 4 artefacts from distinctly different periods. | Sequence events, photos and objects in time closer together | Understand that a timeline can be divided into BC and AD | Understand more complex terms related to time e.g. Pre- Post- | Make comparisons between different times in the past | Sequence up to 10 events on a timeline |
| | Match objects to people of different ages | Organise photographs from different periods of time | Sequence several events or artefacts from a period of time studied | | | |
| Knowledge and Understanding of | Recognise differences between the past and the present and identify changes within different | Identify differences between ways of life at different times | Find out about everyday lives of people in the studied period of time | Use evidence to reconstruct life in the period of time studied | Know key characters and events in period of time studied. | Know key characters and events in period of time studied. |
| Events, People and Changes in the | Recall episodes about events and | Begin to give simple reasons why changes occurred in the past | Compare the period of time studied with our life today | Describe similarities and differences between people, events and artefacts studied | Determine causes and effects of great events and the impact on people using evidence | Write an explanation of a past event in terms of cause and effect using evidence to support. |
| Past | people in the past Suggest why people may have acted in the way they did | Recognise why people did things, why events happened and what happened as a result. | Identify reasons for and results of people's actions | Describe how the time studied has affected / influenced life today | Describe similarities and differences between people, events and artefacts | Describe the impact and influence of significant historical figures & events |
| | | | Understand why people may have wanted to do something | Offer reasonable explanations for events and actions | Compare an aspect of life across different time periods | Compare beliefs and behaviour of individuals with a different period of time studied |

| Interpretations of History | Compare stories to encourage children to distinguish between fact and fiction Obtain ideas about the past from pictures, stories, visitors, family members and experts - discussing their reliability. | Compare two versions of a historical event Compare pictures or photographs of people or events in the past Discuss reliability of photos, accounts and stories from the past | Identify and give reasons for the different ways in which the past is represented Distinguish between different sources of information and discuss their reliability Explore different representations of the period - museums, cartoons etc. | Understand that aspects of the past have been represented and interpreted in different ways to persuade others Evaluate the usefulness of different sources of information | Compare accounts of events from different sources (fact or fiction) and offer reasons for these different version of events Evaluate sources and identify those that are useful to the task. | Give clear reasons why there may be different accounts of history - linking this with factual understanding of the past. Evaluate evidence to choose the most reliable form Recognise how and why contrasting arguments and interpretations of history have been arrived at |
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| Understanding Significance | Recognise and make simple observations about who was important in an historical event or period | Understand the term significant and explain why a significant individual is important | Identify and describe historically significant people and events in situations | Construct a detailed profile of a significant individual using a range of historical sources Show an awareness of how people's lives have shaped this nation | Explore and explain how the religious, political, scientific or religious beliefs of a significant individual caused them to behave in such a way. Know how Britain has influenced and has been influenced by the wider world. | Examine the decisions made by significant historical individuals - considering their options and beliefs - and make a summative judgement about their choices Debate the significance of a historical person, event, discovery or invention in British history. |
| Historical Enquiry | Find answers to simple questions about the past through investigating different sources of information - such as artefacts and photos | Use various sources - either through observing or handling - to answer questions about the past based on simple observations | Use a variety of sources to find out about the period of time being studied Observe small details on artefacts and pictures encountered Select and record information relevant to the study Begin to use the library and internet for research | Use evidence to build up a picture of a past event Choose relevant material to present a picture of an aspect of life in the period of time studied Ask a variety of questions about the period of time being studied Use the library and internet for research | Begin to recognize primary and secondary sources Use evidence to build up a picture of a past event Choose reliable sources of evidence to answer posed questions, realizing that there is often not a single answer to historical questions. Research a topic from the past with increasing confidence, including the use of the library and e-learning. | Recognise primary and secondary sources Bring knowledge gathered from several sources to create a fluent account of a past event Investigate my own line of enquiry by identifying the appropriate means of finding information out and presenting a fluent account of this knowledge gathering. |
| Organise and Communicate Ideas | Give simple phrases to describe objects, people or events in history Write simple sentences about a period of time or significant individual Communicate knowledge through either discussion, drawing picture, role play or use of ICT | Give simple phrases to describe objects, people or events in history Write simple sentences about a period of time or significant individual Communicate knowledge through either discussion, drawing picture, role play or use of ICT | Recall, select and organize historical information Communicate knowledge about the past through using different genres of writing, through drawing, data-handling, drama, role-play and the use of ICT | Recall, select and organize historical information Communicate knowledge about the past through using different genres of writing, through drawing, data-handling, drama, role-play and the use of ICT | Select and organize information to produce structured work, making appropriate use of dates and terms. Plan and present a self-directed project or research about the studied period Use a variety of ways to communicate knowledge and understanding, including extended writing. | Select and organize information to produce structured work, making appropriate use of dates and terms. Plan and present a self-directed project or research about the studied period Use a variety of ways to communicate knowledge and understanding, including extended writing. |