

EYFS - Understanding the World – Past and Present Year 1 – 6 - History Curriculum Progression 2022 - 2023

1	EYFS	KS1		KS2		
	Reception /	Year 1 /	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Year 1	Year 2				
Areas of study	Significant historical events, people and places in their own locality.	Significant historical events, people and places in their own locality.	Significant historical events, people and places in their own locality.	Significant historical events, people and places in their own locality.	Significant historical events, people and places in their own locality.	Significant historical events, people and places in their own locality.
	Changes within living memory. Where appropriate, these should be used to reveal aspects of change in national life. The lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. Some should be used to compare aspects of life in different periods.	Events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally. The lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. Some should be used to compare aspects of life in different periods.	A study of achievements of the earliest civilizations – an overview of where the and when the first civilizations appeared- Ancient Egypt The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain Study of British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066	Study of British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066 Britain's settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots The Viking and Anglo- Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor	A non-European society that provides contrasts with British history – one study chosen from: early Islamic civilization, including a study of Baghdad Ancient Greece – a study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world	A local history study – cotton trade Changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age
Chronological Understanding	Understand and use the words past and present when telling others about an event. Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history. Recount changes in my own life over time. Understand how to put people, events and objects in order of when they happened, using a scale the teacher has given me. Use a timeline to place important events.	Understand that a timeline can be divided into BC (Before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini) Use a timeline to place historical events in chronological order. Describe dates of and order significant events from the period studied.	Understand that a timeline can be divided into BC (Before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini) Use a timeline to place historical events in chronological order. Describe dates of and order significant events from the period studied.	Understand that a timeline can be divided into BC (Before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini) Use a timeline to place historical events in chronological order. Describe dates of and order significant events from the period studied.	Understand that a timeline can be divided into BC (Before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini) Order significant events and dates on a timeline. Describe the main changes in a period in history.	Order significant events, movements and dates on a timeline. Identify and compare changes within and across different periods. Understand how some historical events occurred concurrently in different locations



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Knowledge and	Talk about the lives of	Use information to describe	Use evidence to describe the	Use evidence to describe	Use evidence to describe	Choose reliable sources of
	people around them and	the past.	culture and leisure activities	the culture and leisure	what was important to	information to find out about
understanding	their roles in society.		from the past.	activities from the past.	people from the past.	the past.
of events,	Compare and contrast	Changes within living memory to describe the	Use evidence to describe the	Use evidence to describe	Use evidence to show how	Give reasons why changes
people and	characters from stories,	differences between then	clothes, way of life and	the clothes, way of life and	the lives of rich and poor	may have occurred, backed
	including figures from the	and now.	actions of people in the past.	actions of people in the	people from the past	up by evidence.
changes in the	past.			past.	differed.	
past		Look at evidence to give and	Use evidence to describe,			Describe similarities and
	Recall some facts about	explain reasons why people	places, buildings and their	Use evidence to describe,	Describe similarities and	differences between some
	people/events before living	in the past may have acted in	uses of people from the past	places, buildings and their	differences between	people, events and artefacts
	memory	the way they did.	Changes within living memory to describe the	uses of people from the past	people, events and artefacts studied.	studied.
	Say why people may have		differences between then	past	studied.	Describe how some of the
	acted the way they did.	Recount the main events from a significant event in	and now.	Changes within living	Describe how some of the	things studied from the past
		history.		memory to describe the	things I have studied from	affect/influence life today.
		Thistory.		differences between then	the past affect/influence life	
				and now.	today.	Make links between some of
						the features of past societies.
					Changes within living	(e.g. religion, houses, society, technology.)
					memory to describe the	technology.)
					differences between then	Changes within living
					and now.	memory to describe the
						differences between then
						and now.
Historical	Comment on images of	Look at and use books and	Explore the idea that there	Explore the idea that there	Look at different versions of	Evaluate evidence to choose
interpretation	familiar situations in the	pictures, stories, eye witness	are different accounts of	are different accounts of	the same event in history	the most reliable forms.
interpretation	past.	accounts, pictures, photographs, artefacts,	history.	history.	and identify differences.	Know that people both in the
	Look at books, videos,	historic buildings, museums,			Know that people in the	past have a point of view and
	photographs, pictures and	galleries, historical sites and			past represent events or	that this can affect
	artefacts to find out about	the internet to find out about			ideas in a way that	interpretation.
	the past.	the past.			persuades others.	
						Give clear reasons why there
					Evaluate evidence to choose	may be different accounts of
					the most reliable forms.	history, linking this to factual understanding of the past.
Historical	Identify different ways in	Identify different ways in	Identify different ways in	Use documents, printed	Use documents, printed	Use documents, printed
_	which the past is	which the past is represented	which the past is	sources (e.g. archive	sources (e.g. archive	sources (e.g. archive
enquiry	represented		represented.	materials) the Internet,	materials) the Internet,	materials) the Internet,
		Explore events, look at		databases, pictures,	databases, pictures,	databases, pictures,
	Explore events, look at	pictures and ask questions	Ask questions about the past.	photographs, music,	photographs, music,	photographs, music,
	pictures and ask questions	i.e, "Which things are old and	Use a wide range of	artefacts, historic buildings,	artefacts, historic buildings,	artefacts, historic buildings,
	i.e, "Which things are old	which are new?" or "What	information to answer	visits to museums and	visits to museums or	visits to museums and



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	and which are new?" or	were people doing?"	questions.	galleries and visits to sites	galleries and visits to sites	galleries and visits to sites to
	"What were people doing?"			as evidence about the past.	to collect evidence about	collect evidence about the
		Look at objects from the past		Ask questions and find	the past.	past.
	Look at objects from the	and ask questions i.e, "What		answers about the past.		
	past and ask questions i.e,	were they used for?" and try			Ask questions and find	Choose reliable sources of
	"What were they used	to answer.			answers about the past.	evidence to answer
	for?" and try to answer.					questions, realising that
						there is often not a single
						answer to historical
						questions.
						Investigate own lines of
						enquiry by posing questions
						to answer.
Organisation	Sort events or objects into	Describe objects, people or	Communicate ideas about	Communicate ideas about	Communicate ideas about	Communicate ideas about
•	groups (i.e. then and now.)	events in history.	the past using different	the past using different	from the past using	from the past using different
and			genres of writing, drawing,	genres of writing, drawing,	different genres of writing,	genres of writing, drawing,
Communication	Use timelines to order	Use timelines to order events	diagrams, data-handling,	diagrams, data-handling,	drawing, diagrams, data-	diagrams, data-handling,
communication	events or objects.	or objects or place significant	drama role-play, storytelling	drama role-play,	handling, drama role-play,	drama role-play, storytelling
		people.	and using ICT.	storytelling and using ICT.	storytelling and using ICT.	and using ICT.
	Tell stories about the past.					
		Ideas about people, objects			Plan and present a self-	Plan and present a self-
	Know some similarities and	or events from the past in			directed project or research	directed project or research
	differences between things	speaking, writing, drawing,			about the studied period.	about the studied period.
	in the past and now,	role-play, storytelling and				
	drawing on their	using ICT.				
	experiences and what has					
	been read in class.					
	Talk, write and draw about					
	things from the past.					