Skills and knowledge progression - History

National Curriculum Aims and purpose

- A high-quality history education will help pupils gain a coherent knowledge and understanding of Britain's past and that of the wider world. It should inspire pupils' curiosity to know more about the past. Teaching should equip pupils to ask perceptive questions, think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments, and develop perspective and judgement. History helps pupils to understand the complexity of people's lives, the process of change, the diversity of societies and relationships between groups, as well as the challenges of their time.
- Aims
- know and understand the history of these islands as a coherent, chronological narrative
- know and understand significant aspects of the history of the wider world
- understand historical concepts such as continuity and change, cause and consequence, similarity, difference and significance
- understand the methods of historical enquiry, including how evidence is used rigorously to make historical claims

School aims - skills, attitudes and knowledge that we would like all children to develop on their journey through the school

- We want our children to have a rounded understanding of history by the time they leave our school. They need to be able to put historical events into context and order. They need to understand how and why events in the past have shaped the modern world and our place within it. And they need to have had first hand experiences of 'meeting' significant places, objects and artefacts (be that through visits to castles and stately homes, trips to museums and galleries, artefact boxes or in-school workshops with experts), so that history can come to life for them.
- In order to do all of that, our children need access to a rich, carefully structured history curriculum. In Year 1, we explore the core idea of change over time, looking at ways in which life has changed over the last 100 (or so) years and significant people from History. In Year 2, this picture of history widens to include events from more distant times that have had profound impacts on modern life, to support children in beginning to recognise why an understanding of history is so important. Moving through KS2, the focus moves to building-up a picture of the early history of British Isles, from the Bronze and Iron Ages to 1066, via Roman rule, Anglo-Saxon settlement and Viking invasions. Alongside this, children also learn about events and changes in the world beyond our shores (including the Ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Mayans) and a key turning point in more modern history (WW2). We also look compare different civilisations and eras through our substantive concepts for example crime and punishment through history in Y6 or the Egyptians and the Mayans from different year groups.
- Throughout this journey, we are constantly developing a sense of historical order and 'scale' (the idea
 that history doesn't go 'Iron Age, Bronze Age, Romans, Vikings, Normans, Tudors' in equal steps), as well
 as equipping our children with the skills of questioning, enquiry, evaluation and interpretation needed to
 be a good historian

Links to EYFS

Communication and language

Express themselves effectively, showing awareness of listeners' needs.

Use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are to happen in the future.

Understanding the World

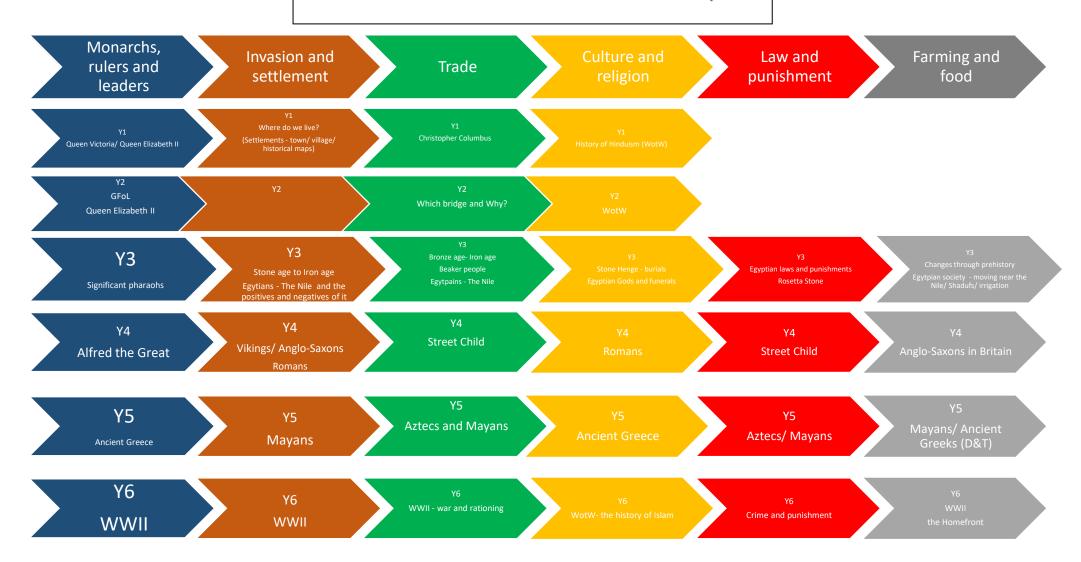
Remember and talk about significant events in their own experience.
 Talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members. They know that other children don't always enjoy the same things, and are sensitive to this. They know about similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families, communities and traditions.

Experiences for our children

Visit significant national museums (eg. Birmingham Museum, York Viking centre, Black country museum, RAF Cosford, Maritime Liverpool museum).

- $\ \square$ Meets and talk to people who have lived through important moments in history (eg. WW2 evacuees)
- Explore local museums (RAF Cosford, BLM, Enginuity) to develop a stronger link to topics being studied ('we found this just a mile from where you live'; 'this is what life was like in our town 100 years ago')
- $\ \square$ Have opportunities to handle historical artefacts and draw their own inferences and conclusions from them.
- Experience what life was like in the more distant past through trips, themed days and (where possible) residential visits (eg. Viking Jorvik centre)
- $\ \square$ Meet professional historians and talk to them about how they piece together clues to form a more complete picture of the past.

Golden threads - Substantive concepts



Skills progression						
Year group	Construct & sequence the past	Change and development	Cause and effect	Significance and interpretation	Plan and carry out an enquiry	Use sources as evidence
Year 1	 Recognise the difference between 'old' and 'new' Know where some basic events fit on a timeline, relating to their topic Place some basic events onto a timeline and use this to support the retelling of past events. 	 Say how something is the same or different in the past. Develop a sense of time and how fast things change (eg. differences between changes in their / their parents / their grandparents lifetimes). 	Show an understanding of some key events. Start to think about the reasons why things might change (eg. improvements in technology / making life easier / more fun).	Begin to understand why events being studied are important. Use phrases such as now, after, before, modern, new, old, a long time ago, in my lifetime, before I was born, when I was younger.	 Ask and answer some historical questions. Sort pictures / objects / events into 'old' and 'new'. 	 Use pictures and photographs to extract some information about the past. Begin to recognise different ways we can learn about the past (eg. from images, objects, stories, first-hand witnesses).
Year 2	 Record some events onto a timeline. Know where some key people fit on a timeline. Remember a few significant names and dates. Use common words and phrases related to the passing of time (now, then, before). 	Say how lifestyles (work, school, play etc.) were the same or different in the past. Describe differences between 'then' and 'now'. Discuss the speed of change - sometimes in slow increments, sometimes in leaps.	Recount key events from the past in their own words and begin to explain why these events happened. Begin to think about the impact that historical events have had on modern life.	 Understand why people and events being studied are important. Begin to express preferences and justify them with evidence / facts (eg. Who was the greatest explorer?) 	 Ask and answer historically relevant questions. Use historical vocabulary (eg. past, present, recently, years, decades, centuries). Compare events from different periods in history (eg. different discoveries/voyages). 	 Use a range of sources (eg. pictures, photos, artefacts, stories, text books, field trips etc.) to extract some information about the past. Begin to piece together clues from a variety of different sources.
	Develop knowledge of local and British history on the wider timeline (aypending timeling to	Investigate everyday life for people in the past, including clothing, food houses beliefs.	Question, investigate and give reasons for events in the past (eg.	Ask and answer questions about how and why events and	Construct relevant questions about history and begin to suggest	Use a range of sources or artefacts (written, visual or oral) to learn

(expanding timelines to food, houses, beliefs why did the first how these might be people being studied more about the past. reach from the Stone Age and leisure activities Roman invasions of are significant. answered. Consider the range of to modern day). and recognise how Britain fail, but later Express preferences Carry out a local history sources available when these were similar / study (how did history Year 3 Place events of British ones were successful?) and personal responses we study different different to the Describe the impact of to topics being studied shape our area? What historical periods (eg. history on a timeline, modern day. using dates. events in the more and back-them up with evidence can we still why do we know much Explore change at a distant past on modern evidence / facts. find?) more about the Romans Begin to understand the local level, investigating scale of history (eg. the life (eg. the legacy of Use phrases such as than the Iron Age?) the Roman Empire for Bronze Age lasted for the impact of national before, during, after, and global events. modern Europe). century, decade, BC, ≈2000 years, but vast amounts of change in last AD, ancient, modern, period, Empire, Age. century.)

Year	Construct &	Change and	Cause and	Significance and	Plan and carry	Use sources
grou	sequence the past	development	effect	interpretation	out an enquiry	as evidence
Year 4	 Position a growing range of eras and events on a timeline (eg. Ancient Egypt, Anglo-Saxons, Romans, Iron Age, Guy Fawkes). Separate out timeline of Britain from global events and recognise that some events are more globally important than others. 	Ask and answer questions about changes, similarities and differences. Begin to have an understanding of broader trends / themes over time. Explore differences between different people living at the same time.	 Independently question the reasons behind historical events and changes. Give increasingly historically accurate answers to these questions. Describe how events/people being studied have had an impact on the modern world. 	 Can ask and answer questions about how and why events/people are significant. Show empathy for people living in the past, recognising what their lives would have been like and how they would have felt. 	Ask relevant questions about history and suggest sources of evidence that could be used to answer them, recognising the difference between primary and secondary sources. Use historical terms correctly.	 Understanding that historical knowledge comes from a range of sources. Look at two versions of the same events identifying how they are similar/different. Question the accuracy of modern depictions of historical events.
Year 5	Develop a clear understanding of the order of the time periods that they have studied (covering all units from K51 & K52). Place world history events on a timeline using the correct dates and labels.	Discuss changes, similarities and differences. Deepen understanding of trends/themes over time. Describe what life was like for people living at the same point (rich/poor, military/civilians etc.)	Ask and answer clear and accurate questions about what happened. Ask 'why' questions to further historical understanding. Debate and discuss different opinions about historical causes and effects.	Deepen their understanding that historical knowledge comes from a range of sources, Understand that there can be many versions of the same events in history, giving reasons why these may exist.	 Select appropriate evidence to answer a question, and recognise that there is often not a single 'right' answer to an historical question. Draw conclusions on what happened based on study a range of sources. 	Accept, reject and comment on how useful sources are when carrying out research. Recognise that not all sources are equally valid, and that some evidence may come from propaganda or opinion.
Year 6	Have a clear understanding of the order of the time periods that they have studied (covering all units from K51 & K52). Comment on trends that happen over time. Annotate a timeline with historical terms and facts, showing a sense of historical scale.	Ask and answer questions about changes, similarities and differences and challenge responses. Discuss and debate trends and themes over time. Describe changes across an historical period (considering social, political, cultural and technological changes).	Independently ask and answer clear and accurate questions about the past. Discuss and compare a range of plausible causes and effects. Investigate and describe legacies for the modern world, investigating and discussing how ancient civilisations can still have an impact on our lives.	Recognise that some events and people are more significant than others, and use evidence to back-up responses. Understand that historical knowledge comes from a range of sources, Make links between historical events, changes and cultures across a range of periods studied.	 Consider the validity of different sources and select reliable, appropriate resources to use to answer a specific question. Reach conclusions on what happened based on the study of a range of sources. Reflect on enquiries and identify ways in which they could be improved or extended. 	 Draw together and analyse a wide range of sources (both primary and secondary), sourcing these independently where appropriate. Challenge the accuracy, validity and usefulness of artefacts, texts, photographs, online resources etc. when investigating historical sources.

		Knowl	edge progression	
	What is the past?	Where did kings and Queens live through time?	Who were the Victorians? Ougen Victorians BATHING MACHINE	Who are Explorers? Where have humans explored?
Year 1	I know What the past is I know what a timeline is I know and can explain what a historian is I can place myself and family on a timeline I know that my family make up my history I know how to build a family tree	I can place events and some artefacts on a timeline. With support, I know that there are castles today that tell us about life in the past I can (with support) observe or handle some evidence to ask questions about the past. I know why monarchs built castles and what the consequences of these actions were. I can compare the similarities and differences between different castles. I can begin to talk about key events of a significant king/queen or castle	I know Who Queen Victoria was I can explain why she was a good Queen I can place where the Victorians are on a timeline I know when the Victorians happened I know why that part of history is called 'The Victorians' I know what the British Empire was and identify some of the countries on a mapl know that the Victorians were inventors and can give some examples I can explain what the bathing machine was and how it impacted the people of the Victorians I know and can give examples of some Victorian influences still around today I know who George Stephenson was and why he was significant I know that the railways were important and explain why it helped the Victorians I can explain how toys have changed since the Victorians	I know what famous and significant means I know that Christopher Columbus was an Explorer I can place Christopher Columbus on a timeline with my prior knowledge I know and can describe who Christopher Columbus was and why he was famous I know that Neil Armstrong was an astronaut in the past I know when the moon walk happened and can place on a timeline with my prior knowledge I know why Neil Armstrong was significant I know that there are similarities and differences between the two significant historical figures and can give some examples I know that we can find out about the past from evidence (film/ diary recounts/ historical maps/ ship log entries) I can look at historical maps and begin to give ideas about how they were created

	Who are the significant nurses of the past?	Why did London Burn? Great Fire of London Kill and fan Grangfan	How has technology changed in the last 60 years?
Year 2	I know what significant means in a historical context I know that Florence Nightingale was a significant nurse in our past I know where FN sits on a timeline drawing on prior knowledge from Y1 I know that FN was significant and explain some reasons I know that hospitals have changed because of FN and give examples I know that Mary Seacole and Edith Cavill were significant figures in our past I know some examples of how hospitals have changed I know that evidence from the past tells us about history I can give examples of evidence we have about our 3 significant figures	 I know that GFoL was a significant historical event I know when the GFoL happened in History and can place it on a timeline alongside prior knowledge I know when the GFoN was and can place it on a timeline I know the historical narrative of how the fire started and can create a timeline of the event I know and can explain how fire-fighting has changed and improved through history since GFoL I know about historical events using evidence I know who Samuel Pepys was and can say why he is significant to us knowing about the GFoL I know that there was a significant fire in Newport and can explain when in history it happened I can compare the two fires and explain why they are similar/different 	I know some changes and inventions that have changed and can place on a timeline. I can observe or handle some evidence to ask questions and find answers to questions. I know what 'invention' and 'manufacture' mean I know some reasons why certain technology was manufactured. I know that transport has changed and explain how it has continued over time. I can use pictures and film footage to find out about technology in the past compared to now. I can describe and begin to talk about key events of a significant person/time (inventors and designers)

		Key Stage 2
	What has Pre-history taught us?	Who were the Ancient Egyptians?
Year 3	 I know what chronology means I know what era means I know that history is split into BC(BCE) and AD and explain what they mean I know when pre-history 'began' and ended? I know why cave paintings are important to historians I know that the Stone age is made up of 3 eras − palaeolithic/ Mesolithic/ neolithic I know what was happening in the UK in the 3 eras I know that there is evidence from the eras and can say what I think it tells us I know that prehistory means before the written record and that we have to put evidence together I know that there were different eras and periods within prehistoric era and ca place them on a dated timeline I know that neolithic people were the first farmers I know that the Bronze and iron age changed life in Britain and give some examples I know that farming and food changed significantly through the eras and can give reasons for this I know that the Beaker people came to settle in Britain and brought change including trade and settlement to the UK I know how settlement changed through to the Iron age and can give reasons for the changes I know that the Bronze age and Iron age people settled in Shropshire and can use evidence and artefacts to explain this (Local study − Oswestry/ Wrekin hillforts) I know that the Roman invasion of Britain brought the end to the Iron age and prehistory 	I know that the Ancient Egyptians were around in a similar era to the Bronze age/ Iron age I can place Ancient Egypt on a dated timeline alongside prior knowledge I know that periods of history overlap around the world and show this on a timeline I know that the Ancient Egyptians were significant and can give some examples of significance I know that the River Nile was important as a key physical feature of where the Ancient Egyptians lived I can explain the changes in rulers over in Ancient Egypt I know that trade was important to the Ancient Egyptians and explain how we know I know about the society pyramid and who the most important people were I know and can recall some famous rulers and pharaohs I know some of the significant pieces of evidence that tell us about the Ancient Egyptians I know that Ancient Egyptians were skilled farmers and builders and can give examples of how we know I know how to compare the evidence left behind and can explain what I think is the lasting legacy of the Ancient Egyptians I can compare leaders and rulers from the past and can explain who may have been the most significant (Cleopatra or Queen Victoria)

	Romans – What did the Romans do for us?	Anglo-Saxons and Vikings – Who were the strongest leaders? MICHAEL MORPURGO - RECONVIE	What was life like for a Street Child? STREET CHILD BUILD BUIL
Year 4	I know when the Roman invasion of Britain began and can place this on a timeline I know where the Romans settled in Britain I know that the Romans left a legacy of roads and architecture and can give examples I know that there is evidence from the Romans being in Britain I know about the Roman rulers that led the invasion I can use a timeline to identify when Roman rule ended	 I know when the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain and can place this on a timeline alongside prior learning I know what other civilisations were happening around the world and show these on an overlapping timeline I know that the Vikings invaded and can place this on a timeline I can use evidence to explain what we know about the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons I know about the mystery of the empty Saxon grave I know about Alfred the Great I know that the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons battled for power and land I know why the Saxons invaded I know that place names tell us about the Viking settlement I know about the Bayeux tapestry and what it tells us 	I know when the Street child was based and can place this on a timeline I know how life has changed for women and children since the Victorian times I know that children's rights have changed and can explain how I know some of the inventions that helped the lives of Victorian children I know wat the Child work force was I know what Newport looked like in the Victorian times and explain how it has changed I know that Britain's trade was supported by Victorian children

differ	t were the similarities and rences between Ancient a and England in the 10 cury?	How did the Industrial revolution impact our region?	What were the greatest achievements of the Ancient Greeks?
Year 5	civilisation was in history I know where the Mayans were in the world and can explain geographically I know that there were similarities between Aztecs, Mayans and Egyptians and can give examples I know who the Aztecs were Who were the Aztecs? I know how the Mayans traded and why it was important I know how society was structured for the Mayan civilisation I know some of the evidence that tells us about the Mayans	 I know the key dates of the Industrial revolution and can place these on a timeline I know how the Industrial Revolution began I know significant figures from the Industrial revolution I know how the Industrial Revolution impacted Telford and Shropshire I know that Ironbridge was built during the Industrial revolution and who made it I know and can name some of the ways life changed during the Industrial revolution 	 I know when the Ancient Greeks civilisation was in history I know where in the world Greece is and can identify some of the key physical features that were present in that era I know that other civilisations were happening at the same time around the world I know about the Ancient Greeks beliefs I know that the Rosetta stone was first scribed in Ancient Greek writing I know and can recall the Greek legacy I know that Ancient Greece had different rulers and can name them I can compare different leaders and rulers from my prior learning I know that the Olympics originated from the Ancient Greeks I know that the Greeks impacted modern day world through architecture, life styles and writing

How have key historical events shaped our world today?	Does the punishment fit the crime?	How did WWII change the landscape of Britain?
I know how the railways have changed and developed I know that the railways were important to our locality and how the old railway line was used I can identify the changes on a timeline and know how this ties into prior knowledge about the industrial revolution and other historical moments I know about the Suffragette movement I know how rights of women and gender have changed over time I know about some of the experiences women had in the past I know about slavery in the past and modern day slavery I know when the abolition of slavery in Britain took place I know about the NHS history and how this has impacted our society today	Romans, Anglo Saxons and Vikings, Medieval and Tudor Times, Early Modern Period (Gunpowder Plot, poachers, smugglers and highwaymen), Victorian Period, Twentieth and Twenty-first Centuries I know that crime and punishment has changed through history and can give examples I know and can explain some of the changes in punishment through periods of history learnt in previous years I know that sources about crime and punishment could tell us a different picture I know that each period of history left a legacy on rule, law, crime and punishment	 I know when the WWII began and ended and place this on a timeline I know about the significant events in WWII in Britain and order these I know why WWII began and can recall the reasons with evidence I know that Dunkirk was a place of significance and can explain why I know that women were a vital part of the home front I know why and how children were evacuated in WWII I know about some significant artefacts and evidence from WWII I know that Newport was bombed and recount the events I know about the Blitz and recall the impact this had on life in Britain I know about propaganda and how this impacted the war