Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Think like a Historian...

Progression in Disciplinary Knowledge & Key Concepts



Key Stage 1

Strand	Progression Statement	What to look for guidance (Working Towards)	What to look for guidance (Expected Standard)	What to look for guidance (Greater Depth)		
Historical Knov	Historical Knowledge					
Chronological knowledge/ Understanding	Know where people and events fit within a chronological framework. Study historical periods, some of which they will study more fully later.	Can identify relevant features of particular historical themes, events and people from family, local, national and global history (e.g. recall some events and people associated with the Gunpowder Plot).	The pupil can briefly describe features of particular themes, events and people from family, local, national and global history (e.g. explain how animals were used in WW1)	The pupil can explain a range of features covering family, local, national and global history and draw a range of conclusions (e.g. recall the more significant events and people associated with time periods and draw conclusions about it).		
Sequencing the Past	Know where people and events fit within a chronological framework.	Can depict on a timeline the sequence of a few objects and/or pieces of information (e.g. put the main features of cooking in chronological order on a timeline)	Can sequence independently on an annotated timeline a number of objects or events related to particular themes, events, periods, societies and people (e.g. select a range of cooking methods and foods to place on a timeline).	Can give a valid explanation for their sequence of objects and events on timelines or narratives they have devised (e.g. independently select a range of objects and information associated with food and how it was cooked over different time periods and explain the reason for their sequence).		
	Develop awareness of the past, using common words and phrases relating to the passing of time.	Can use a number of everyday time terms, such as 'now', 'then', 'yesterday', 'week', 'month', 'year', 'nowadays', 'old' and 'new'.	Can understand securely and use a wider range of time terms (e.g. use some common words and phrases relating to the passage of time, such as 'nowadays', 'in the past' and 'previously').	Can use and understand more complex time terms, such as BC/AD, period labels and terms, and words and phrases relating to the passage of time including 'last century', '1950s', '1960s' and 'decade'.		
History Concept	History Concepts					
Continuity and Change	Identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods. Study changes within living memory.	Can identify a few similarities, differences and changes occurring within a particular topic (e.g. identify differences and	Can identify independently a range of similarities, differences and changes within a specific time period (e.g. recognise differences in aeroplanes from different decades).	Can describe independently and accurately similarities, differences and changes both within and across time periods and topics (e.g. identify and describe several changes, similarities		

Cause and Consequence	Choose and use parts of stories and other sources to show that they know and understand key features of events. Study the lives of significant individuals who contributed to national and international achievements.	Can identify at least one relevant cause for, and effect of, several events covered (e.g. identify an effect of the Great Fire of London).	Can identify a few relevant causes and effects for some of the main events covered (e.g. identify several causes and effects of the Great Fire of London).	Can comment on a few valid causes and effects relating to many of the events covered (e.g. make a few valid judgements about the causes, motives and effects of the Great Fire of London).
Significance	Understand some of the ways in which they find out about the past and identify different ways in which it is represented.	Can consider one reason why an event or person might be significant (e.g. explain why we remember a particular nurse).	Can identify a range of significant aspects of a theme, society, period or person and offer some comments on why they have selected these aspects (e.g. give reasons why they have chosen particular aspects of the life of a famous explorer).	Can provide some valid reasons for selecting an event, development or person as significant (e.g. explain the achievements of various explorers stating which one they think is the biggest hero and justify their opinion).
Historical Enquiry: Using Evidence	Ask and answer questions. Choose and use parts of stories and other sources to show that they know and understand key features of events. Use a wide vocabulary of everyday historical terms.	Can ask and answer a few valid historical questions (e.g. ask a few questions about explorers, locate relevant information and communicate the answers as sentences).	Can plan questions and produce answers to a few historical enquiries using historical terminology (e.g. plan and find information needed to write a paragraph about which explorer was most successful)	Can pose independently a series of valid questions for different enquiries and produce effective responses using appropriate vocabulary confidently (e.g. plan a small investigation on the life of an explorer, locate information from two or more different sources and collate this to produce a relevant response).
Using Sources	Understand some of the ways in which they find out about the past and identify different ways in which it is represented.	Can extract information from several different types of source including written, visual and oral sources and artefacts (e.g. extract some relevant information about the life of a local hero or heroine, such as from pictures, artefacts or a story).	Can select information independently from several different types of source including written, visual and oral sources and artefacts to answer historical questions (e.g. choose several different sources to select information about the key features of the life of a local hero or heroine).	Can critically evaluate the usefulness of sources and parts of sources to answer historical questions (e.g. choose from a range of sources, such as artefacts, different written accounts, oral and visual evidence, which are most useful for telling us about the life of a local hero or heroine).

Lower Key Stage 2

Strand	Progression Statement	What to look for guidance (Working Towards)	What to look for guidance (Expected Standard)	What to look for guidance (Greater Depth)		
Historical Knov	Historical Knowledge					
Chronological Knowledge/ Understanding	Develop chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British, local and world history. Establish clear narratives within and across the periods they study. Understand overview and depth.	Can identify details from several themes, societies, events and significant people covered in local, national and global history (e.g. identify some of the achievements made by Ancient Egyptians).	Can identify details from local, national and global history to demonstrate some overall awareness of themes, societies, events and people (e.g. recall a number of details about the Ancient Egyptians and their achievements).	Can describe the main context of particular themes, societies, people and events including some explanation (e.g.) identify and describe a range of people, events and developments throughout the Ancient Egyptian period.		
Sequencing the Past	Develop chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British, local and world history.	Can sequence some events, objects, themes, periods and people from topics covered, by providing a few dates and/or period labels and terms (e.g. group a few events, structures and artefacts belonging to the Bronze and Iron Ages).	Can sequence independently on an annotated timeline a number of objects or events related to particular themes, events, periods, societies and people (e.g. select a range of cooking methods and foods to place on a timeline).	Can sequence a number of the most significant events, objects, themes, societies, periods and people in Lower Key Stage 2 topics using some dates, period labels and terms (e.g. sequence many of the main features of the Bronze and Iron Ages).		
History Concept	History Concepts					
Continuity and Change	Address and devise historically valid questions about change, similarity and difference. Note connections, contrasts and trends over time.	Can describe some similarities, differences and changes occurring within Lower Key Stage 2 topics (e.g. describe some similarities and differences between the Stone Age periods).	Can make valid statements about the main similarities, differences and changes occurring within topics (e.g. categorise changes into the different periods of the Stone Age).	Can explain why certain changes and developments were of particular significance within topics and across time periods (e.g. explain why some changes within the Stone Age were of particular importance).		

Cause and Consequence	Address and devise historically valid questions about cause.	Can describe some relevant causes for, and effects on, some of the key events and developments covered.	Can comment on the importance of causes and effects for some of the key events and developments within topics.	Can explain with confidence the significance of particular causes and effects for many of the key events and developments.
Significance	Address and devise historically valid questions about significance.	Can select what is most significant in a historical account (e.g. describe in some detail some of the most significant features of Roman Britain).	Can explain why some aspects of historical accounts, themes or periods are significant (e.g. explain why Roman achievements were significant).	Can explain independently why a historical topic, event or person was distinctive or significant (e.g. explain what made the Roman period distinctive).
	Understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.	The pupil can provide a reason why two accounts of the same event might differ (e.g. recognise and provide a reason why different people might have different views about the Romans).	The pupil can comment on a range of possible reasons for differences in a number of accounts (e.g. explain how and why there were different viewpoints about Boudicca).	The pupil can explain historical situations, events, developments and individuals from more than one viewpoint (e.g. explain how and why different people might have interpreted the benefits of Roman rule in Britain).
Historical Enquiry: Using evidence	Construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation. Develop appropriate use of historical terms.	Can ask valid questions for enquiries and answer using a number of sources.	Can independently devise a range of historically valid questions for a series of different types of enquiry and answer them with substantiated responses.	Can independently devise significant historical enquiries to produce substantiated and focused responses.
Using Sources	Understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.	Can understand how sources can be used to answer a range of historical questions.	The pupil can recognise possible uses of a range of sources for answering historical enquiries.	The pupil can comment on the usefulness and reliability of a range of sources for particular enquiries

Upper Key Stage 2

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Historical Know	Historical Knowledge					
Chronological Knowledge/ Understanding	Establish clear narratives within and across the periods they study. Note connections, contrasts and trends over time. Combine overview and depth studies to help pupils understand both the long arc of development and the complexity of specific aspects of the content.	Can understand some features associated with themes, societies, people and events (e.g. understand aspects of Ancient Greek life).	Can provide overviews of the most significant features of different themes, individuals, societies and events covered (e.g. give a summary of the main features of Ancient Greek society).	Can show a detailed awareness of the themes, events, societies and people covered across the Upper Key Stage 2 topics, explaining different dimensions and characteristics (e.g. show evidence of understanding the variety of social, economic, cultural and political aspects of Greek civilisations)		
Sequencing the Past	Develop chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British, local and world history.	Can sequence with some independence many of the significant events, societies and people within topics covered using appropriate dates, period labels and terms (e.g. place many of the important time related developments, people and events on an annotated timeline).	Can sequence with independence the key events, objects, themes, societies and people in Upper Key Stage 2 topics covered using dates, period labels and terms (e.g. the main events of the Battle of Troy)	Can independently explain the sequence of key events, objects, themes, societies and people in topics covered using dates, period labels and terms accurately (e.g. explain variations in life of periods studied life in different places and over time using a range of dates and period labels).		
History Concept	History Concepts					
Continuity and Change	Address and devise historically valid questions about change, similarity and difference. Note connections, contrasts and trends over time.	Can provide valid reasons why some changes and developments were important within particular Upper Key Stage 2 topics (e.g. decide why one change in communication is of particular importance).	Can compare similarities, differences and changes within and across some topics, in terms of importance, progress or the type and nature of the change (e.g. provide some similarities and differences affecting different forms of communication).	Can compare independently how typical similarities, differences and changes were (e.g. identify and explain whether some developments in communication were exceptional developments or commonplace everywhere at the time).		

Cause and Consequence	Address and devise historically valid questions about cause.	Can place several valid causes and effects in an order of importance relating to events and	Can explain the role and significance of different causes and effects of a range of events and developments (e.g.	Can comment independently on the different types of causes and effects for most of the events covered,
		developments (e.g. list several causes and place them in an order of importance)	explain how and why events occurred,	including longer- and shorter-term aspects (e.g. recognise and explain different causes and effects)
Significance	Address and devise historically valid questions about significance.	Can describe the significant issues in many of the topics covered (e.g. describe several of the most successful achievement.	Can explain reasons why particular aspects of a historical event, development, society or person were of particular significance (e.g. critically evaluate the significance of the achievements and legacy of the Ancient Greeks)	Can compare the significance of events, development and people across topics and time periods (e.g. explain which period of British Empirical history was most important)
	Understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.	Understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.	Can explain how and why it is possible to have different interpretations of the same event or person (e.g. explain how and why it is possible to have different interpretations about the extension of the British Empire.	Can understand and explain the nature and reasons for different interpretations in a range of topics (e.g. recognise and explain how and why there could be different interpretations about British Empire)

Historical Enquiry: Using Evidence	Construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation. Develop appropriate use of historical terms.	Can reach a valid conclusion based on devising and answering questions relating to a historical enquiry (e.g. investigate the Battle of Britain from several sources and reach a conclusion at the end of an enquiry).	Can reach a valid and substantiated conclusion to an independently planned and investigated enquiry with suggestions for development or improvement (e.g. independently pose a series of questions to investigate the success of the Battle of Britain, select appropriate evidence and use this to produce a valid conclusion.	Can plan and produce quality responses to a wide range of historical enquiries requiring the use of some complex sources and different forms of communication with detailed ideas on ways to develop or improve responses (e.g. independently plan an investigation into the successes and failures of the Battle of Britain and produce an extended response based on different sources of evidence and forms of communication such as writing, data, timelines and reconstructions).
Using Sources	Understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.	Can accept and reject sources based on valid criteria when carrying out particular enquiries (e.g. ask questions about the usefulness and reliability of sources relating to the locality during the migration).	Can comment with confidence on the value of a range of different types of source for enquiries, including extended enquiries (e.g. select evidence that supports their judgements of how successful the Battle of Britain was)	Can independently evaluate a range of sources for historical enquiries considering factors such as purpose, audience, accuracy, reliability and how the source was compiled (e.g. recognise and comment on the context of sources for an enquiry)