

History Curriculum Overview







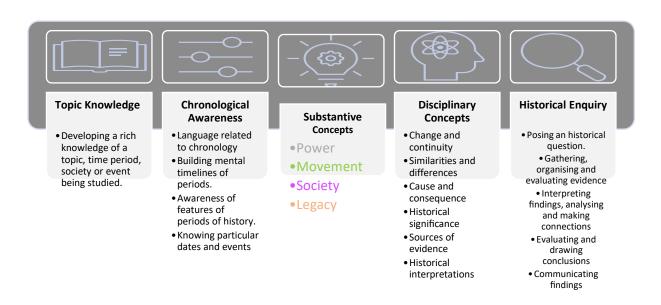
"Happy children who are confident, independent and thoughtful."



Our Curriculum Design

Throughout history mistakes have been made and perspectives differ. As historians, it is vital that we recognise this and use it to understand that to progress in our own learning, mistakes can be made along the way. Our history curriculum is designed to inspire children by promoting the curiosity to explore and engage with the past, learning significant aspects of the wider world alongside the history Britain and our local area. When used correctly, history helps pupils understand the complexities of people's lives, the process of change, the diversity of societies and relationships between different groups, as well as known identity and challenges of time.

Ultimately, our objective is to cultivate thoughtful, informed citizens who understand the past's relevance to their present and future.





Our Big Ideas

Our curriculum is designed to enable our children to work towards an understanding of the 'big ideas' in history outlined below by the end of KS2. This cumulative knowledge is developed over time to enable pupils to develop a secure understanding of our 4 identified overarching substantive concepts as identified below.

By the time a child reaches Y6 we expect them to know:

- 1. Timelines sequence historical events in a chronological narrative from the earliest time to the present day.
- 2. Historical sources create a 'picture' of the past and present the viewpoints of the authors.
- 3. The names of a range of men and women, who have contributed to national and international achievements that have left a legacy.
- 4. Stone Age /Iron Age tools and other crafts improved aspects of everyday life including farming techniques.
- 5. Roman ingenuity changed how people lived, including how roads and towns were built.
- 6. Ancient civilisations, such as the Ancient Egyptians, Ancient Sumer, Benin, and Indus Valley have left a legacy and influenced the world over the last 5000 years.
- 7. Ancient Greek achievements have influenced the wider world, e.g. the English alphabet/language, democracy, and significant sporting events/Olympic Games.
- 8. The Second World War was a crucial turning point in British history and changed the political landscape across Europe.



In each unit, the overarching substantive concept is explicitly linked to with aspects of other concepts intertwined throughout the unit.



Our Learning Cycles

Below is an overview of our unit titles, which are colour coded to show the overarching substantive concept that pupils make prior knowledge links to.

	AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
EYFS	Living Memory -Who am I Society/ Civilisation	Living Memory -What do we know about the royal family? (legacy)	Significant People & Events – Important historical figures
Y1/2A	Living Memory-How am I making history? (society)	Living Memory-How have toys changed? (society)	Beyond Living Memory -The Great Fire of London (legacy)
Y1/2B	Local Study -How has KMA changed overtime? (society)	Significant People/Events-How did we learn to fly? (Movement)	Significant People-What is a Monarch?
Y3/4 Cycle A	Changes in Britain-Stone Age, Bronze Age & Iron Age (3500BC-AD) (legacy)	Early Civilisations Study-Egyptians (3100BC-332BC) (Society)	Why did the Romans settle in Britain? - The Roman invasion & resistance (AD43-AD440)
Y3/4 Cycle B	Settlement in Britain- How hard was it to invade and settle in Britain? (Picts, Scots & Anglo Saxons AD450-1066) (movement)	Ancient Greece Study- What did the Ancient Greeks do for us? (1200BC-146BC) (legacy)	The Struggle for the Kingdom of England- Were the Vikings raiders, traders or settlers? (793-1066) (movement)
Y5/6	Who were the Tudors? -Tudors (1485-1603)	Non-European Society-The Benin Kingdom (society)	Local Study-Industrial Revolution (legacy)
Y6 (KS2)	British History Study Beyond 1066-Impact of WW2 on British People (1939)	Local Study- How has coal mining impacted our region? (1970)	British History Study Beyond 1066-How can we use the Census to find out about the past?



YR	Autumn	Spring	Summer				
Knowledge & Skills	 Living Memory-How am I making history? Photographs can be ordered on a timeline. Some memories are special. Special events are remembered. Childhood was different for our own parents/grandparents. I am making history. 	 Living Memory - What do we know about the royal family? The Royal family - who are they and what do they do Name King Charles as our king. Name significant people with a look at King Charles and his achievements. Start to understand what the monarchy is. Compare figures from the past The way that people lived in the past is not the same as the way that we live now. There have been changes to schools, play activities, toys, food, transport and clothes. 	 Talking about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society Knowing some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. Objects from the past can look different to objects from the present. 				
Key People	Parents/carer & immediate family	Look at a range of important historical figures including members of the monarchy to explore different people and communities (King Charles III & Queen Elizabeth II)					
Vocab	Living memory, past, present, now, childhood, remember, living memory, similarity, difference, time capsule, future, change, continuity.	Apply previously used vocabulary to other people's lives Old, older, oldest, parents, grandparents, relatives, mum, dad, sister, past, present, change, order, baby, child, age, before, yesterday, last week, last year Introduce: King Charles III, Queen Elizabeth II, royal, queen, king, Buckingham Palace, London, now, past, present, then, after that, first, next, timeline, photography, compare, difference, similarity, same, castle, crown, king, prince, princess, queen, royal	Environment, similar, different, society, protect, pollution, ocean, climate, gases				
Continuo us Provision	 PSE/RE work linked to families, days of the week, months, using vocabulary linked to chronology. Access to a range of texts and photographs from now and then to start to undertake simple comparisons. Opportunities in role play and construction/small world to recreate events in the past/present to use key vocabulary. Access to stories and non-fiction texts both adult/child led to investigate life now and before they were born in terms of family members experiences 						
Y1	Autumn	Spring	Summer				



Knowledge & Skills	 Living Memory-How am I making history? Photographs can be ordered on a timeline. Some memories are special. Special events are remembered. Childhood was different for our own parents/grandparents. I am making history. 	 Living Memory & Beyond-How have toys changed? Some toys are special. Our Grandparents played with toys too. Within living memory, toys have changed. We can compare toys from today with toys from the past. Teddy bears have changed over time. 	 Events Beyond Living Memory-The Great Fire of London London was very different to how it is now in 1666. There was a huge fire in London on 2nd September 1666. The fire spread very quickly because London was flammable. After the fire, London was left in ruins. London was rebuilt over time after the GFOL. The GFOL left a legacy on the city of London. 	
Key People	Own family members	Ole Kirk Christiansen	Sir Christopher Wren & Samuel Pepys	
Vocab	Living memory , past, present, now, childhood, remember, living memory, similarity, difference, time capsule, future, change, continuity.	artefact, century, decade , different , evidence , living memory , memory , modern, now , past , present, remember , simila r, source, special	Century, plague, Stuart, source, Samuel Pepys. evidence, interpret, Lord Mayor, diary, significant, Samuel Pepys, archeologist evidence, Christopher Wren, King Charles II, legacy	
Y2	Autumn	Spring	Summer	



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Knowledge & Skills	 Beyond Living Memory-How has KMA changed over time? Our school was different in the past. Within living memory, our school has changed KMA different when it first opened. We can compare our classroom to a classroom when KMA opened. We can use facts learnt to decide about the past. 	 Significant Events-How did we learn to fly? The Wright Brothers invented the first aeroplane. The first test flight was in 1903. Amy Johnson was one of the first female aviators. We can compare the Wright Brothers and Amy Johnson. Planes were different in the past. Air travel in the past to today can be compared to air travel today. 	 A monarch is the leader of a country. King Charles III is our monarch today. William the Conqueror became king of England after winning a battle. William the Conqueror had absolute power in England. William the Conqueror and Charles III had different powers as monarchs 		
Key People	Mr Gough	The Wright Brothers, Amy Johnson	William the Conqueror King Charles III		
Vocab	Date, similar, different, modern, timeline, past, present, living memory, past, present, decade, source, strict, chalk, George V, coal stove, beyond living memory, source, evidence, decade, modern, slates, technology, prefer	beyond living memory, flight, inventor, past, present achievement, significant, aviator, record, solo, cause, consequence, similarity, difference	monarch, Government, significance, coronation ceremony, Absolute monarch, conquer, battle, Bayeux Tapestry, Harald Hardrada, Primary source, power, Constitutional monarchy, Parliament, executive power, similarity, difference		
Y3 (A)	Autumn	Spring	Summer		
Knowledge & Skills	 Changes in Britain-Stone Age to Iron Age Life was very different in the Paleolithic and Mesolithic periods In the Mesolithic period, people had to adapt to live in warmer conditions. The Stone Age had 3 periods – Paleolithic, 	 Early Civilisations Study-Who were the ancient Egyptians? There are four civilisations that are believed to be the earliest. The earliest civilisations shared similarities. The river Nile was important to Ancient Egypt. 	Romans had reason to invade Britain.		



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	 Mesolithic and Neolithic. The Bronze Age started after the Neolithic part of the Stone Age. After the Bronze Age came the Iron Age. A hillfort was an important building during the Iron Age. Humans have been present in Yorkshire for at least 10,000 years. 	 Hatshepsut was a significant pharaoh. Ancient Egyptians believed in the afterlife. We can use sources of evidence to find out about Tutankhamun. 	 The Ivory Bangle Lady migrated to Roman Britain. Romans changed life in modern Britain. 	
Key Peopl	Hunter Gatherers	Tutankhamen, Hatshepsut, Howard Carter	Julius Caesar, Boudicca, The Ivory Bangle Lady	
Vocab	Excavation, artefact, prehistory, Doggerland, continuity, mine, ore, alloy, iron ore, bronze, deposit, palisade, granary, ditch, harpoon archeologist.	Ancient Egypt, Indus Valley, Sumer, Shang Dynasty of Ancient China, permanent, Civilisation, river, building, writing, city, farming, religion, society, civilization, trade, River Nile, agriculture, trade, transport, fishing, papyrus, spear, cause, consequence, pharaoh, Hatshepsut, architect, trade, temple, source, evidence. Significant, power, pyramid, tomb, sarcophagus, mummy, embalm, evidence, significant, Howard Carter, archaeologist, Tutankhamun, Sarcophagus, artefacts	military, battle, discipline, order. Empire, significance, Power, Boudicca, King Prasutugus, tribes, Iceni. Cassius Dio, primary source. secondary source, inference, Military discipline. order, centurion, legion, testudo, training, equipment, battle formation, significance, power, Boudicca, King Prasutugus, tribe, Cassius Dio, cause, consequence, York, ivory, grave, jet, descent, analyse, infer, artefacts, legacy	
Y4 (B)	Autumn	Spring	Summer	
Knowledge & Skill	 Changes in Britain-Anglo-Saxons, Picts & Scots How hard was it to invade and settle in Britain? The Anglo-Saxons and the Scots invaded Britain. The Anglo-Saxons settled in Britain. We can learn about Anglo-Saxon society from Sutton Hoo. Alfred the Great defended Britain against the Vikings. Alfred the Great encouraged peace in 	 Ancient Greece Study-What did the Ancient Greek do for us? Excavations can tell us a lot about what life was like in Early Greece. Minoans traded things in Early Greece. Life in Sparta and Athens had similarities and differences to life today. The city-states of Sparta and Athens had to overcome attacks from Persia. Alexander the Great was a significant leader. The ancient Greeks achieved great things 		



	England. • The Anglo-Saxon period ended in 1066.		People have different views about the Vikings.
Key People	King Alfred the Great	Alexander the Great	Edward the Confessor, King Ethelred
Vocab	Angles, Saxons, Jutes, invasion, Romans, longships, chronology, sequencing, defeated, kingdom, Anglo-Saxon, Jute, settlement, village, burial mound, longboat, garnet, gilt, Riedewald, sceptre, Battle of Edington, creator, Danelaw, Guthrum The Great Heathen Army Vikings Wessex, bias, evidence, primary source, secondary source, Wessex, bias, evidence, primary source, secondary source, William of Normandy Harald Hardrada, Harold Godwinson, Earl of Wessex, oath, exile, claimant, Wessex, Normandy, Witan, successor, significance	social structure, society belief, theatre, trade, vote, warfare, writing. city state, collapse, colony, conquer, control, council, councilor, debate, democracy, dynasty, exile, gender, general, government, hierarchy, jury, league, lower class, middle class, monarchy, power, priest, priestess, Parthenon, achievement, ancient Greece, ancient Sumer, Archaic, Bronze Age, Classical, Dark Age, democracy, education, fashion, ethics, government	chronology, sequencing, defeated, kingdom, Anglo- Saxon, Jute, settlement, village, burial mound, longboat, garnet
Y5	Autumn	Spring	Summer



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Knowledge & Skills	 Who were the Tudors? The Battle of Bosworth marked the start of the Tudor period. We can interpret evidence to find out about Henry VIII. Henry VIII had six wives! Elizabethans had reasons to explore the world. Elizabethans enjoyed different sport and leisure activities? 	 Non-European Study- Kingdom of Benin We can place key events of the Kingdom of Benin on to a timeline. We can use sources of evidence to learn about the Benin Kingdom. Europeans wanted to trade with Benin. Changes contributed to the decline of Benin. Benin appealed to the British. The British Museum still hold on to items from the Benin Kingdom. 	 The Industrial Revolution The Industrial Revolution was a period of significant change in Britain, transforming industries and everyday life. West Yorkshire played a crucial role in the Industrial Revolution due to its resources and industries. Working conditions in mills and factories were often harsh and unsafe. The development of canals, railways, and roads transformed West Yorkshire's economy and society. The Industrial Revolution brought both progress and challenges to people in West Yorkshire. The Industrial Revolution has had a lasting impact on West Yorkshire's culture, economy, and infrastructure. 	
Key People	Henry VIII, Anne Boleyn, Elizabeth I, Sir Francis Drake	Oba Ewuare, Oba Ozolua & Oba Esigie		
Vocab	Tudor, House of Lancaster, House of York, Battle of Bosworth, War of the Roses, timeline, BC (before Christ), AD (Anno Domini), chronology, time-period, century, concurrent, monarch, Henry VIII Tyrant, ruler, monarch, portrait, evidence, fair, interpretation, primary source, bias, reliable, behead, heir, cause, consequence, exploration, slavery, new world, protestant, blood sports, monarch, trade, power, Royal Mail, spy, assignation, colony, significance, evaluate, analyse, conclude	Kingdom, Benin, Nigeria, Edo, Oba, Golden Age, Europe, Timeline, Period, Concurrent, temple bell, skilled, ivory, copper, spiritual, Benin Bronzes, Oral history, artefacts, deduce, Golden era. Ivory, pepper, rubber, slaves, trade, Society, continuity, change, Plaques/sculptures, metal, Civil War, slavery, abolish, change, continuity	Industrialisation, revolution, textiles, mills, Factory, child labour, economy, socjety, urbanisation, tenements.	



Y6	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Knowledge & Skills	 Before World War 2, Hitler came to power and became the leader of Germany. The Second World War began in 1939. Britain had to react to the outbreak of WW2. The lives of civilians were changed dramatically during WW2. Britain's Home Front faced several challenges when it came under attack. World War 2 had a major impact on our Yorkshire region. Major victories on the battlefield led to Britain winning the war. 	 How has coal mining impacted our area? Key events can be placed onto a timeline. Miners worked in dangerous conditions. The Kinsley evictions are an important story in our local history. The 1984 miners' strike impacted our area - Origins of the strike. The 1984 miners' strike impacted our area - The Battle of Orgreave. 	 Local Study-What does the census tell us about our local area? The census is used to find out about people living in the past. The Census is used to investigate the lives of individuals. Historians use a range of sources to find out about the past. Some women refused to complete the 1911 census. The census gives information about our area.
Key People	Anne Frank, Alan Turing, Winston Churchill & Neville Chamberlin	Margaret Thatcher, Arthur Scargill, Thomas Elstone, Earl of Fitzwilliam	Mary Bucktrout, The Suffragettes
Vocab	World war, axis, allies, Adolf Hitler, Nazi party, invade, pact, the blitz (Blitzkrieg 'Lightning war') air raid, rationing, blackout, gas mask, code breaking, enigma code, propaganda, declare war, expand, empire, Winston Churchill, air raid shelter	htning war') air raid, rationing, blackout, gas mask, code gma code, propaganda, declare war, expand, empire, century, concurrent, Industrial revolution, community, coal	



Our Disciplinary Knowledge Progression

	EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Historical Period	My family: Who am I? My past: What do we k now about the royal family and what was different in the past?		I making history? ry: What is a r: How did we learn to ueror & Amy Johnson	British History- Stone World History- Non- E World History- Ancier British History- Beyor	Age to 1066: The Stone uropean Society: The k	Gingdom of Benin orld War 2,	Ancient Egypt e Anglo Saxons and Vikings
			Progression of	skills and knowl	edge		
Key Area	EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Change and continuity	Beware of changes that happen throughout the year (e.g. seasons, nature).	Being aware that some things have changed and some have stayed the same in our own lives. Describing simple changes and ideas/objects that stay the same. Understand that some things change while other items remain the same and some are new.	Recognise that some things which have changed/stayed the same in the past. Identifying simple reasons for changes.	Identifying reasons for change and reasons for continuities. Identifying what the situation was like before the change occurred. Comparing different periods of history and identifying changes and continuity To know that change can be brought about by advancements in trade.	To know that change can be brought about by advancements in transport and travel. Identifying the links between different societies. To know that change can be brought about by advancements in transport and travel	Making links between events and changes across different time periods/societies. Describing the links between different societies. Identifying the reasons for change and continuity. To know that change can be brought about	Explaining the reasons for changes and continuity. Describing the links between main events, similarities and changes within and across different periods studied. Explaining the reasons for changes and continuity using the vocabulary and terms of the period as well. Analysing and presenting the reasons for changes and continuity.
	To know that the environment around us changes as time passes.	To know that people change as they grow older. To know that	To know that daily life has changed over time, but that there are still some similarities to today.			by conflict.	To know that change can be traced using the census.

throughout



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		someone's lifetime				
		some things eill				
		change and some				
		things will stay the				
		same.				
		To know that				
		everyday objects have				
		changed over time.				
Similarity and	Beginning to	Beginning to look for	Identifying similarities	Begin to describe	Explaining similarities	Describing similarities and
-	recognise similarities	similarities and	and difference	similarities and	and differences	differences between social,
difference	and differences	differences over time		differences between		
			between ways of life		between daily lives of	cultural, religious and ethnic
	between the past	in their own lives	at different times.	periods of history.	people in the past and	diversity in Britain and the wider
	and today.				today.	world.
		Beginning to identify	Finding out about			
	Using photographs	similarities and	people, events, and		Begin to identify	Making links with different time
	and stories to	difference between	beliefs in society.		similarities and	periods studied.
	compare the past	ways of life at			differences between	
	with the present	different times.	Making comparisons		social, cultural,	
	day.		with their own lives.		religious diversity in	
		To know that there			Britan and the wider	
		are similarities and	To know that there		world.	
		differences between	are explanations for			
		their lives today and	similarities and			
		their lives in the past.	differences between			
		·	children's lives now			
		To know some	and in the past.			
		similarities and				
		differences between	To know some			
		the past and their	similarities and			
		own lives.	differences between			
		OWIT IIVCS.	the past and their			
		To know that people	own lives.			
		celebrate special	OWIT IIVES.			
		events in different				
		ways.				
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		TO know that				
		everyday objects have				
		similarities and				
		differences with those				



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		used for the same					
		purpose in the past.					
Sources of evidence		Use artefact and	Use artefact and	Use a range of sources	Observe smaller	Recognise primary and	Recognise primary and
		photographs to ask	photographs to ask	to find out about a	details when using	secondary sources.	secondary sources.
		simple questions	questions about the	particular period.	artefacts and pictures.		
		about the past.	past.			Use a range of sources	Use a range of sources to find
				Use evidence to build	Identify sources which	to find out about a	out about a particular aspect of
		Finding answers to	Make simple	up a picture of the	are influenced by the	particular aspect of	the past.
		simple questions	observations about a	past.	personal beliefs of the	the past.	
		about the past using	source or artefact.		author.		Identifying bias in a source and
		sources.				To understand the	identifying the value/limitations
		TO know that	Identify a primary			types of information	of a source.
		photographs can tell	source.			that can be extracted	Describe how secondary sources
		us about the past.				from the census.	are influenced by the culture,
		us about the past.	To find out about how				beliefs and cultures at the time
		To know that we can	places have changed			To understand some	of the author.
		find out about the	by looking at maps.			key terms on the	of the author.
		past by asking people	To locate that			census.	To understand the types of
		hwo were there.	To know that				information that can be
		nwo were there.	historians use				extracted from the census and
		To know that	evidence from sources to find out more				how we can use this
		artefacts can tell us	about the past.				information.
		about the past.	about the past.				
		·					To understand some key terms
		To know that we					on the census.
		remember some (but					
		not all)of the events					To know that the most reliable
		that we have lived					sources are primary sources
		through.					which were created for official
							purposes.
Cause and	Experience the	Asking why things	Asking questions	Identifying the	To know that the	Give reasons for	Starting to analyse and explain
consequence	cause and effect in	happen and beginning	about why people did	consequences of	actions of people can	historical events, the	the reasons for historical events,
·	play – achieve	to explain why with	things	events and actions of	be the cause of	results of historical	situations and change.
	through continuous	support.		people.	change.	events and changes.	
	provision.						
		To know that		To know that the	Identifying the	To know that	
		everyday objects have		actions of people can	reasons for historical	members of society	
		changed as new		be the cause of	events, situations and	standing up for their	
		materials have been		change.	changes.	rights can be the	
		invented.				cause for change	



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				To know that advancements in		
				science and		
				technology can be the		
				cause of change.		
Historical	Recall special events	Discuss who was	Recall some important	To know that	Identify significant	Explain the significance of
Significance	in their own lives.	important in a	people and events.	significant	people and events	events, people and
_		historical event.		archeological findings	across different time	developments.
	To know that some		Identify who is	which are those which	periods.	
	people and events are	Know that some	significant in historical	change how we see		
	considered more	events are more	sources and accounts.	the past.	Compare significant	To know how historians select
	'special' or significant than others.	significant than		To know that we can	people and events across different time	criteria for significance and that
	than others.	others.		see inferences and	periods.	this changes.
		To know the impact		deductions using	perious.	
		on an important event		images from the past.		
		on society.		anages non the past.		
		,				
		To know that				
		historically significant				
		people are those who				
		change many peoples				
		lives.				
Chronological	Sequencing 2/4	Placing a time studied	Sequencing events on	Using BC/AD/Century.	Sequencing events on	Putting dates in the correct
awareness	events in their own	on a timeline.	a timeline, referring to	Hairan datan and tannan	a timeline, comparing	century.
	life.	Sequence 4/6	times studied in KS1 where these fit in.	Using dates and terms related to the unit and	where it fits in with times studied in	Relating current study on
	Using common	photographs, focusing	where these iit iii.	the passing of time	previous year groups.	timeline to other periods
	words/phrases for the	on intervals between	Understand that	e.g. continuity,	previous year groups.	studies.
	passing of time e.g.	events.	history is divided into	ancient	Understanding the	studies.
	now, ten, long ago.		different periods of		term 'century.	Comparing and making
	, , , ,	Placing events on a	history.	Placing a time studied	,	connections between different
	Sequencing 3to4	timeline, building on	,	on a timeline.		contexts in the past,
	photographs/artifacts	times studied in year	Making a simple		Placing the time and	
	to show different	1.	individual timeline.	Beginning to develop	period of history into a	
	periods of time.			a chronologically	timeline.	
	Placing simple events	Beginning to		secure knowledge of		
	on a timeline.	recognise how long		local, British and	Noticing connections	
		each event lasted.		world history across	over a period of time	
		Knowing whore		periods studies on a timeline.		
		Knowing where people/events studies		umenne.		
		people/events studies	1	1		



		fit into a chronological framework				
Historical Interpretation	Beginning to identify different ways to represent the past e.g. photos/stories. Developing their own interpretations from historical artefacts.	Recognise different ways in which the past is represented (including eye witness accounts). Comparing pictures/photos of people or events in the past. Developing their own interpretations from photographs and written sources	Identify different ways in which the past is represented. Identify differences between different sources. Explore different representations of the period.	Identify and give reasons for different ways in which the past is represented. Identify differences between different sources, giving reasons for the ways which the past is represented. Explore different representations of the period and evaluate the usefulness of the source.	Begin to compare accounts of events from different sources. Understand that different evidence creates different conclusions. Devise historically valid questions.	Suggesting explanations for different versions of events. Compare accounts of events from different sources. To know that we must consider a source's audience, purpose and creator to determine if it is a reliable source. Address and devise historically valid questions.

