BBC and OPS History Skills Progression YR-Y6

In order to support teachers with the planning and delivery of their lessons, we have produced this document to show-case how history is taught in our schools. It shows how we intend to cover all the relevant history knowledge and skills across our schools, thus developing the children's understanding of history. The context of the lessons is at the teacher's discretion and attempts are made to link learning with the current class topic.

	YR	У1	У2	У3	У4	У5	У6
Chronological	Talk about	Sequence	Sequence	Place the time	Place events	Know and	Place current
understanding	the lives of	events in their	artefacts closer	studied on a time	from period	sequence key	study on a time
	the people	life.	together in time -	line.	studied on a	events of time	line in relation to
	around	Sequence 3 or	check with	Use dates and	time line.	studied.	other studies.
	them and	4 artefacts	reference book.	terms related to	Use terms	Use relevant	Use relevant
	their roles	from distinctly	Sequence	the study unit	related to the	terms and	dates and terms.
	in society.	different	photographs etc.	and passing of	period and	period labels.	Sequence up to
	Know some	periods.	from different	time. Sequence	begin to date	Make	10 events on a
	similarities	Match objects	periods of their	several events or	events.	comparisons	time line.
	and	to people of	life. Describe	artefacts.	Understand	between	
	differences	different age.	memories of key		more complex	different times	
	between		events in lives.		terms, eg,	in the past.	
	things in				BC/AD.		
Range and depth	the past	Recognise the	Recognise why	Find out about	Use evidence	Study	Find out about
of historical	and now,	difference	people did things,	every-day lives	to reconstruct	different	beliefs,
knowledge	drawing on	between past	why events	of people in time	life in time	aspects of	behaviour and
	their	and present in	happened and what	studied. Compare	studied.	different	characteristics
	experiences	their own and	happened as a	with our life	Identify key	people -	of people,
	and what	others' lives.	result.	today. Identify	features and	differences	recognising that
	has been	They know and	Identify	reasons for and	events of time	between	not everyone
	read in	recount	differences	results of	studied.	classes,	shares the same
	class.	episodes from	between ways of	people's actions.	Look for links	gender, etc.	views and
	Understand	stories about	life at different	Understand why	and effects in	Examine causes	feelings.
	the past	the past.	times.	people may have	time studied.	and results of	Compare beliefs
	through			wanted to do	Offer a	great events	and behaviour
	settings,			something.	reasonable	and the impact	with another
	characters					on people.	time studied.

	and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling. Begin to organise events using basic chronology, recognising that things happened before they were born.				explanation for some events.	Compare life in early and late 'times' studied. Compare an aspect of lie with the same aspect in another period.	Write another explanation of a past event in terms of cause and effect using evidence to support and illustrate their explanation. Know key dates, characters and events of time studied interpretations.
Interpretations of history	Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past.	Use stories to encourage children to distinguish between fact and fiction. Compare adults talking about the past - how reliable are their memories?	Compare 2 versions of a past event. Compare pictures or photographs of people or events in the past. Discuss reliability of photos/ accounts/stories.	Identify and give reasons for different ways in which the past is represented. Distinguish between different sources - compare different versions of the same story. Look at representations of the period - museum, cartoons etc.	Look at the evidence available. Begin to evaluate the usefulness of different sources. Use text books and historical knowledge.	Compare accounts of events from different sources - fact or fiction. Offer some reasons for different versions of events.	Link sources and work out how conclusions were arrived at. Consider ways of checking the accuracy of interpretations – fact or fiction and opinion. Be aware that different evidence will lead to different conclusions. Confidently use the library and

Historical enquiry	Comment on images of familiar situations in the past. Name and describe people who are familiar to them.	Find answers to simple questions about the past from sources of information e.g. artefacts.	Use a source - observe or handle sources to answer questions about the past on the basis of simple observations.	Use a range of sources to find out about a period. Observe small details - artefacts, pictures. 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 one aspect of life in time past. Ask a variety of questions. Use the library and internet for research.	Begin to identify primary and secondary sources. Use evidence to build up a picture of a past event. Select relevant sections of information. Use the library and internet for research with increasing confidence.	internet for research. Recognise primary and secondary sources. Use a range of sources to find out about an aspect of time past. Suggest omissions and the means of finding out. Bring knowledge gathered from several sources together in a
Organisation and communication	Communicate their knowledge through: Discussion Drawing pictures Drama/role play Making models Writing Using ICT				Recall, select and organise historical information. Communicate their knowledge and understanding.		fluent account. Select and organise information to produce structured work, making appropriate use of dates and terms.