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History Curriculum

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Past and present - Talk	Timelines	Explorers	Vikings	Inventions	Denmark: Monarchs	
about special events	Past and present	Mexico			since viking times.	Vikings
and times for their	Toys and games- how	Then & Now	Dinosaurs	Ancient Egyptians	Christian 1V and his	
family linked to past	have they changed?				legacy.	
and present	Enquiry				History tour of	World War Two
	Our school – what was				Copenhagen including	
Can talk about past	it like?				canal tour.	
and present events in						
their own life					Ancient Greece:	
					Comparison of life in	
Beginning to suggest					competing city states	
reasons for why life					Athens and Sparta.	
was different in the					Beginnings of	
past					Democracy.	
Commont on imagos					Japan: History of	
Comment on images from the past and					Japan: History of artistic styles.	
present using					di listic styles.	
expected						
chronological						
vocabulary accurately						
– past and present						
houses and homes						



	KS1	Years 3 and 4	Years 5 and 6	
Historical	KS1 History National Curriculum	Lower KS2 History National Curriculum	Upper KS2 History National Curriculum	
	 Children should understand some of the ways in which we find out about the past and identify different ways in which it is represented. Children can: a. start to compare two versions of a past event; b. observe and use pictures, photographs and artefacts to find out about the past; c. start to use stories or accounts to distinguish between fact and fiction; d. explain that there are different types of evidence and sources that can be used to help represent the past. 	 past is constructed from a range of sources. Children can: a. look at more than two versions of the same event or story in history and identify differences; b. investigate different accounts of historical events and be able to explain some of the reasons why the accounts may be different. 	 Children should understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources. Children can: a. find and analyse a wide range of evidence about the past; b. use a range of evidence to offer some clear reasons for different interpretations of events, linking this to factual understanding about the past; c. consider different ways of checking the accuracy of interpretations of the past; d. start to understand the difference between primary and secondary evidence and the impact of this on reliability; e. show an awareness of the concept of propaganda, particularly in WW2; f. know that people in the past represent events or ideas in a way that may be to persuade others; g. begin to evaluate the usefulness of different sources. 	





	KS1 History National Curriculum	KS2 History National Curriculum	KS2 History National Curriculum
Historical			
Historical Investigations	Children should ask and answer questions, using other sources to show that they know and understand key features of events. Children can: a. observe or handle evidence to ask simple questions about the past;	 Pupils should regularly address and sometimes devise historically valid questions about change, cause, similarity and difference, and significance. Children should construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation of relevant historical information. Children can: a. use a range of primary and secondary sources to find out about the past; b. construct informed responses about one 	 Pupils should regularly address and sometimes devise historically valid questions about change, cause, similarity and difference, and significance. Children should construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation of relevant historical information. Children can: a. recognise when they are using primary and secondary sources of information to investigate the past; b. use a wide range of different evidence to collect evidence about the past, such as ceramics, pictures, documents, printed



	KS1 His	story National Curriculum	Lower	KS2 History National Curriculum	Upper	KS2 History National Curriculum
Chronological						
Inderstanding Pupils should develop an awareness of		Pupils should continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of local and world history, establishing clear narratives within and		Pupils should continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of Danish, European and wor history, establishing clear narratives within		
	and ev	ents they study fit within a logical framework.		-		ross the periods they study.
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	b. c. d.	sequence artefacts and events that are close together in time; order dates from earliest to latest on simple timelines;	b.	sequence several events, artefacts or historical figures on a timeline using dates, including those that are sometimes further apart, and terms related to the unit being studied and passing of time; understand that a timeline can be divided into BC (Before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini).	b.	order an increasing number of significant events, movements and dates on a timeline using dates accurately; accurately use dates and terms to describe historical events; understand and describe in some detail the main changes to an aspect in a period in history; understand how some historical events/periods occurred concurrently in different locations, e.g. Viking period and English History 700-1100.





Knowledge and Understanding	KS1 History National Curriculum	KS2 History National Curriculum	KS2 History National Curriculum
of Events, People and Changes in the	Pupils should identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods.	and trends over time.	Pupils should note connections, contrasts and trends over time.
Past	 Children should choose and use parts of stories and other sources to show that they know and understand key features of events. Children can: a. recognise some similarities and differences between the past and the present; b. identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods; c. know and recount episodes from stories and significant events in history; d. understand that there are reasons why people in the past acted as they did; e. describe significant individuals from the past. 	 a. note key changes over a period of time and be able to give reasons for those changes; b. find out about the everyday lives of people in time studied compared 	 Children can: identify and note connections, contrasts and trends over time in the everyday lives of people; use appropriate historical terms such as culture, religious, social, economic and political when describing the past; examine causes and results of great events, such as WW2, and the impact these had on people; describe the key features of the past, including attitudes, beliefs and the everyday lives of men, women and children.





Presenting, KS1 History National Curriculum Organising and	Lower KS2 History National Curriculum	Upper KS2 History National Curriculum
Communicating Pupils should use a wide vocabulary of		Pupils should develop the appropriate use of historical terms.
 Children can: a. show an understanding of historical terms, such as monarch, parliament, government, war, remembrance; b. talk, write and draw about things from the past; c. use historical vocabulary to retell simple stories about the past; d. use drama/role play to communicate their knowledge about the past. 	 Children can: a. use and understand appropriate historical vocabulary to communicate information such as ruled, reigned, empire, invasion, conquer, kingdoms; b. present, communicate and organise ideas about the past using models, drama role play and different genres of writing including letters, recounts, poems, adverts, diaries, posters and guides; c. start to present ideas based on their own research about a studied period. 	 Children can: a. know and show a good understanding of historical vocabulary including abstract terms such as democracy, civilisation, social, political, economic, cultural, religious; b. present, communicate and organise ideas about from the past using detailed discussions and debates and different genres of writing such as myths, instructions, accounts, diaries, letters, information/travel guides, posters, news reports; c. plan and present a self-directed project or research about the studied period. For example, designing a historical website in Year 6.