Hemingbrough Community Primary School Progression of Skills History



Area: Investigate and interpret the past

Knowing that our understanding of the past comes from an interpretation of the available evidence.

EYFS	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Children talk	Observe or handle	Use artefacts,	Use evidence to ask	Use evidence to ask	Use sources of	Use sources of
about past and	evidence to ask	pictures, stories,	questions and find	questions and find	evidence to deduce	evidence to deduce
present events	questions and find	online sources	answers to questions	answers to questions	information about	information about
in their own	answers to	and databases to	about the past.	about the past.	the past.	the past.
lives and in the	questions about the	find out about the				
lives of family	past.	past.	Suggest suitable	Use more than one	Select suitable	Show an awareness
members.			sources of evidence	source of evidence for	sources of evidence,	of the concept of
	Ask questions such	Identify some of the	for	historical enquiry in order	giving reasons for	propaganda and how
They	as: What was it like	different ways the	historical enquiries.	to gain a more	choices.	historians must
know about	for people? What	past has been		accurate understanding		understand the
similarities and	happened? How	represented.	Describe different	of history.	Use sources of	social context of
differences	long ago?		accounts of a		information to form	evidence studied.
between			historical	Suggest causes and	testable hypotheses	
themselves and	Use artefacts,		event, explaining	consequences of some of	about the past.	Understand that no
others.	pictures, stories,		some of the reasons	the main events and		single source of
	online sources		why the	changes in history.	Seek out and analyse	evidence gives the
	and databases to		accounts may differ.		a wide range of	full answer to
	find out about the				evidence in order to	questions about the
	past.				justify claims about	past.
					the past.	
	Identify some of the					Refine lines of
	different ways the					enquiry as
	past has been					appropriate.
	represented.					

Area: Build an overview of world history

An appreciation of the characteristic features of the past and an understanding that life is different for different sections of society.

EYFS	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Describe	Describe	Describe historical	Describe changes	Describe changes that	Identify continuity	Identify continuity
historical	historical events.	events.	that have	have happened in	and change in the	and change in the
events.			happened in	the locality of the	history of the	history of the locality
	Describe	Describe significant	the locality of the	school throughout	locality of the	of the school.
	significant people	people from the	school	history.	school.	
	from the past.	past.	throughout			Give a broad
			history.	Give a broad overview	Give a broad	overview of life in
		Recognise that		of life in Britain	overview of life in	Britain from medieval
		there are reasons	Give a broad	from ancient until	Britain	until the Tudor and
		why people in the	overview of life in	medieval times.	from medieval until	Stuarts times.
		past acted as they	Britain		the Tudor and	
		did.	from ancient until	Describe the social,	Stuarts times.	Compare some of the
			medieval times.	ethnic, cultural or		times studied with
				religious diversity of	Compare some of	those of the other
			Compare some of	past society.	the times studied	areas of interest
			the times studied		with those of the	around the world.
			with those	Describe the	other areas of	
			of other areas of	characteristic features	interest around the	Describe the
			interest around	of the past, including	world.	characteristic
			the world.	ideas, beliefs, attitudes		features of the
				and experiences of	Describe the social,	past, including ideas,
				men, women and	ethnic, cultural or	beliefs, attitudes and
				children.	religious diversity	experiences of men,
					of past society	women and children.

Area: Understand chronology

An understanding of how to chart the passing of time and how some aspects of history studied were happening at similar times in different places.

EYFS	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
EYFS Children talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members.	Year One Place events and artefacts in order on a time line, Use dates where appropriate.	Year Two Label time lines with words or phrases such as: past, present, older and newer. Recount changes that have occurred in	Year Three Place events, artefacts and historical figures on a time line. Use dates and terms to describe events.	Year Four Place events, artefacts and historical figures on a time line using dates. Understand the concept of change over time, representing this, along with evidence,	Year Five Describe the main changes in a period of history (using terms such as: social, religious, political, technological and cultural). Use dates and terms	Year Six Identify periods of rapid change in history and contrast them with times of relatively little change. Understand the concepts of
		their own lives.		on a time line.	accurately in describing events.	continuity and change over time, representing them, along with evidence, on a time line.

Area: Communicate historically

Using historical vocabulary and techniques to convey information about the past.

EYFS	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Children talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members.	Use words and phrases such as: a long time ago, recently, when my parents/carers to describe the passing of time. Show an understanding of the concept of nation and a nation's history.	Use words and phrases such as: a long time ago, recently, when my parents/carers were children, years, decades and centuries to describe the passing of time. Show an understanding of concepts such as civilisation, monarchy, parliament, democracy, and war and peace.	Use appropriate historical vocabulary to communicate, including: dates time period era chronology Use original ways to present information and ideas	Use appropriate historical vocabulary to communicate, including: dates time period era chronology Use literacy, numeracy and computing skills to a good standard in order to communicate information about the past.	Use appropriate historical vocabulary to communicate, including: dates time period era chronology continuity change century decade legacy. Use original ways to present information and ideas	Use appropriate historical vocabulary to communicate, including: dates time period era chronology continuity change century decade legacy. Use literacy, numeracy and computing skills to an exceptional standard in order to communicate information about the past. Use original ways to present information and ideas

Knowledge	Year 1	Year 2
- Changes within living memory	Toys - Link to Year 4 Victorians	
 The lives of significant individuals who have contributed to national and international achievements. 	Victorian Seaside	Florence Nightingale & Edith Cavell
- Events beyond living memory that are significant nationally and globally, particularly those that coincide with festivals or other events that are commemorated throughout the year.	Gunpowder Plot	Great Fire of London
- Significant historical events, people and places in their own locality.		Local History – Link to Year 6
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All about Me (Changes, Seasons, Celebrations)

Understanding the World (People and Communities)

Children talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members. They know about similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families, communities and traditions.

Understanding the World (The World)

Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things. They talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another.

Knowledge	Year 3	Year 4
Changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age	Stone Age - late Neolithic hunter-gathers and early farmers, e.g. Skara Brae - Bronze Age religion, technology and travel e.g. Stonehenge - Iron Age Hill forts: tribal kingdoms, farming, art and culture	
The Roman Empire and its Impact on Britain.		 Roman Empire Julius Caesar's attempted invasion in 55-54 BC The Roman Empire by AD42 and the power of its army Successful invasion of Claudius and conquest, including Hadrian's Wall British resistance e.g. Boudicca 'Romanisation' of Britain; sites such as Caerwent and the impact of technology, culture and beliefs, including early Christianity
A study of a theme in British history	History of Transport - A significant turning point in British history (first railways focus)	Victorians - A study of Victorian times
Early Civilizations achievements and an in-depth study of one of the following Ancient Sumer; The Indus Valley; Ancient Egypt; The Shang Dynasty. Ancient Greece.	Egypt - An overview of where and when the first civilizations appeared including an in-depth study	Ancient Greece - A study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world

Knowledge	Year 5	Year 6
Britain's settlement by Anglo Saxons and Scots	 Anglo Saxons Roman withdrawal from Britain in c. AD 410 and the fall of the western Roman Empire Scots invasions from Ireland to north Britain (now Scotland) Anglo-Saxon invasions, settlements and kingdoms: place names and village life Anglo-Saxon art and culture Christian conversion – Canterbury, Iona and Lindisfarne 	
The Viking and Anglo- Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England	Vikings - Viking raids and invasion - Resistance by Alfred the Great and Athelstan, first King of England - Further Viking invasions and Danegeld	
A local history study		Local History – Link to KS1 - A study of time tracing how several aspects of national history are reflected in the locality (this can go beyond 1066) - A study of an aspect of history or a site dating from a period beyond 1066 that is significant in the locality
- A study of a theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066.	WWII – Blitz, Battle of Britain, Propaganda - A significant turning point in British history	WWI - A significant turning point in British history
- A non-European society that contrasts with British history chosen from: Early		Mayans

Islamic Civilization/Mayan Civilization/Benin	- The achievements of the earliest civilizations: an overview of where and when the first civilizations appeared and an in-depth study.
- History of interest to pupils	Native America