

Knowledge (National Curriculum)

Pupils should be taught about: changes within living memory – where appropriate, these should be used to reveal aspects of change in national life events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally [for example, the Great Fire of London, the first aeroplane flight or events commemorated through festivals or anniversaries] the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements, some should be used to **compare** aspects of life in different periods [for example, Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria, Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong, William Caxton and Tim Berners-Lee, Pieter Bruegel the Elder and LS Lowry, Rosa Parks and Emily Davison, Mary Seacole and/or Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell] significant historical events, people and places in their own locality

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	End of key stage
	3 & 4 year olds			expectation
	Reception			
	ELG			
Chronological	Can I talk about past and	Can I put up to three	Can I place events or	Pupils should develop
understanding	present events in my	objects in chronological	artefacts in order on a	an awareness of the
	own life and in the lives	order (recent history) on	timeline?	past, using common
	of family members?	a timeline?	Can I label timelines with	words and phrases
	Can I understand and	Can I label timelines with	pictures, words or	relating to the passing
	use vocabulary such as:	pictures, words or	phrases and give reasons	of time. They should
	yesterday, last week, at	phrases?	for their order?	know where the
	the weekend, this	Can I tell others about	Can I make connections	people and events
	morning, last night?	changes that have	between long- and short-	they study fit within a
		happened in my own life	term time scales?	chronological
	Can I begin to make	since I was born?	Can I use dates to talk	framework.
	sense of my own life-	Can I talk about how	about people or events	Children can: a
	story and my family's	things have changed	from the past?	sequence artefacts
	history?	since my parents or	Can I connect my new	and events that are
		grandparents were	learning of historical	close together in time;
	ELG	children?	people or events, to	b order dates from
	Can I identify some	Can I use dates to talk	others that I have learnt	earliest to latest on
	similarities and differences	about people or events	about before?	simple timelines; c
	between things in the past	from the past?	Can I understand and use	sequence pictures
	and now?	Can I understand and	vocabulary such as: in	from different
		use vocabulary such as:	order, a long time ago,	periods; d describe



		in order, a long time ago, recently, when my parents/carers, grandparents were children, in the times?	recently, when my parents/carers, grandparents were children, years, decades and centuries, in my lifetime, in my parents'/carers' lifetime, modern, old-fashioned, long term, short term, timeline, time scale, in the period, in times?	memories and changes that have happened in their own lives; e use words and phrases such as: old, new, earliest, latest, past, present, future, century, new, newest, old, oldest, modern, before, after to show the passing of time.
Historical enquiry/investigation	Can I answer how and why questions about experiences and in response to stories or events? Can I understand and use vocabulary such as: how, why, because, find out, I wonder what/if/when/why? Can I compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past?	Can I show some understanding of how people find out about the past? Can I show some understanding of how evidence is collected and used to make historical facts? Can I ask questions such as: What was it like for people? What happened? How long ago? Can I answer questions by using different sources, such as an	Can I understand and talk about how people find out about the past? Can I show understanding of how evidence is collected and used to make historical facts? Can I ask questions such as: What was it like for people? What happened? How long ago? Can I answer questions by using a specific source, such as an information book?	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; b observe or handle evidence to find answers to simple questions about the past on the basis of simple observations; c choose and select evidence and say how



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	ELG Can I understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling?	information book or pictures? Can I understand and use vocabulary such as: questions, find out, evidence, collect, history, information, research, sources, artefacts, objects, historians, investigate?	Can I research the life of someone who used to live in my area using the Internet and other sources? Can I research the life of a famous Briton from the past using different resources to help me? Can I understand and use vocabulary such as: questions, wonder, find out, evidence, collect, points of view, opinion, historical, information, research, sources of information, resources, artefacts, objects, historians, investigate?	it can be used to find out about the past.
Knowledge and interpretation	Can I make observations of animals and plants, explain why some things occur, and talk about changes? Can I look closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change? Can I understand and use vocabulary such as: I can see, I saw, same, different, similar,	Can I answer questions using a range of artefacts/ photographs/pictures provided? Can I talk about the different ways that the past is represented? Can I recount some interesting facts from an historical event?	Can I describe historical events? Can I describe significant people from the past and talk about what they did? Can I explain the causes of an historical event and what the consequences were? Can I explain what impact significant events	1 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



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change, what happened	Can I talk about some	from the past have had	and artefacts to find
because, explain?	important people from	on the way we live	out about the past; c
	the past?	today?	start to use stories or
Can I comment on	Can I talk about how	Can I talk about	accounts to distinguish
images of familiar	their actions changed	similarities and	between fact and
situations in the past?	the way we do things	differences between two	fiction; d explain that
-	today?	different time periods?	there are different
Can I understand the past	Can I recognise that	Can I explain how local	types of evidence and
through settings,	there are reasons why	people or events in	sources that can be
characters and events	people in the past acted	history have changed	used to help represent
encountered in books read	as they did?	things nationally or	the past.
in class or storytelling?	Can I tell you how I	internationally?	
	found out about people	Can I explain why	2 Children should
	or events in the past?	someone in the past	identify similarities and
	Can I find out more	acted in the way they	differences between
	about a famous person	did?	ways of life in different
	from the past and carry	Can I choose and use	periods.
	out some research on	parts of stories or other	Children should choose
	him or her?	sources to show that I	and use parts of stories
	Can I find out something	understand events or	and other sources to
	about the past by talking	people from the past?	show that they know
	to an older person?	Can I explain why Britain	and understand key
	Can I recognise that	has a special history by	features of events.
	some forms of evidence	naming some famous	Children can: a recognise
	are more reliable than	events and some famous	some similarities and
	others when finding out	people?	differences between the
	about the past?	Can I talk about what	past and the present; b
	Can I show an	type of evidence is	identify similarities and
	understanding of the	reliable when finding out	differences between
	word 'nation' and the	about the past?	ways of life in different
	concept of a nation's	Can I talk about a	periods; c know and
	history?	'nation', an aspect of its	recount episodes from



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	Can I show an understanding of concepts such as monarchy, parliament, war and peace when learning about historical events? Can I understand and use vocabulary such as: find out, explain, facts, reasons, events, actions?	history and the impact it has had on the nation? Can I show an understanding of concepts such as civilisation, monarchy, parliament, democracy, war and peace when talking about historical people and events? Can I create my own accounts of historical people or events? Can I understand and use vocabulary such as: find out, explain, reasons, events, causes, consequences, impact, affected, actions, time	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
Organisation and communication	Drawings Picture sequences Drama/role play Posters	periods? Factual accounts – newspaper reports Diary entry Retelling story Drama/role play Posters	Pupils should use a wide vocabulary of everyday historical terms: 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.