Newchurch, St. Mary's

History Skills Progression 2024-25

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Chronological Understanding	 To understand the concept of the past and recount changes and events in their own lives. To be able to sort and/or sequence events and artefacts on a timeline. To use dates when appropriate. 	 To study events and people from beyond living memory. To be able to sort and/or sequence events on a timeline To use dates when appropriate. 	 Place the time studied on the timeline Use dates and terms related to the study unit and passing of time Sequence several events or artefacts 	 Place events from periods studied on timeline Use terms related to the period and begin to date events Understand more complex terms (e.g. BC/AD) 	 To describe the main changes in a period in history and create an accurate timeline. To understand the concepts of continuity and change over time. To use dates and terms accurately. To show an awareness of events happening in similar times, but in different places. 	 To describe the main changes in a period in history and create an accurate timeline. To analyse continuity and change over time. To use dates and terms accurately. To show an awareness of events happening in similar times, but in different places.
Range and depth of historical knowledge	 To be able to explain how things are similar and different. To learn about and describe significant historical events, people and places To recognise that there are reasons why people in the past acted in the way they did. 	 To be able to explain similarities and differences between periods. To learn about and describe significant historical events, people and places. To know about the lives of significant individuals and how they have contributed to national and 	 Find out about everyday lives of people from the past studied and begin to compare with our life today Identify reasons for and results of peoples' actions Understand why people may have taken the actions they did in the past Understand, define and use historical vocabulary 	 Use evidence to reconstruct life in time studied Identify key features and events of time studied and compare with our life today Look for links and affects in time studied Offer a reasonable explanation for some events 	 To describe the characteristic features of the past, including ideas, beliefs, attitudes and experiences To describe and compare the main events, causes and changes within and across different periods. To give a broad overview of life in a specific period. To describe changes 	 To describe the characteristic features of the past, including ideas, beliefs, attitudes and experiences To describe and compare the main events, causes and changes within and across different periods. To give a broad overview of life in a specific period. To describe changes

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	•To begin to form opinions about people from the past and recognise that there are reasons why people in the past acted in the way they did.		vocabulary and begin to make cross-curricular links	locality, Britain and the wider world. •To explain the impact and significance of historical events and people on life today.	locality, Britain and the wider world. •To explain the impact and significance of historical events and people on life today.
Interpretation of history		 Identify and give reasons for different ways in which the past represented Distinguish between different sources – compare different versions of the same story Discuss reliability of photos, accounts and stories 	 Look at the evidence available and begin to evaluate the usefulness of sources Begin to use texts and historical knowledge to form an opinion or explanation about events in the past 	 Compare accounts of events from different sources – fact or fiction Offer some reasons for different versions of events Begin to use different resources to research independently 	 Link sources and workout how conclusions were arrived at and be aware that different evidence can lead to different conclusions. Consider ways of checking the accuracy of interpretations – fact/fiction or opinion Confidently use the library and internet to research independently.

Historical Enquiry	 Ask simple questions about the past To answer historical questions using different sources of information eg talking to people, analysing pictures and objects. 	 To ask and answer historical questions based on their observations and experience. To use different sources of information eg artefacts, stories and other accounts. 	 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 Ask a variety of questions Use the library and internet to develop researching skills 	 To ask and answer historically valid questions, refining their lines of enquiry as appropriate. To be able to use a range of sources of evidence to find out about the past and form testable hypotheses. To select sources of evidence to follow a 	 To ask and answer historically valid questions, refining their lines of enquiry as appropriate. To be able to use a range of sources of evidence to find out about the past and form testable hypotheses. To select sources of evidence to follow a
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		•To consider the reliability of the information when using different sources.	•To consider the reliability of the information when using different sources.
		•To show an awareness of the concept of propaganda.	 To show an awareness of the concept of propaganda.
		•To suggest why there might be different interpretations of the same event.	•To suggest why there might be different interpretations of the same event.
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Organisation and communication	 To be able to communicate historical understanding in simple ways. To use simple historical vocabulary eg here, now, old, new, past, present, long ago 	 To be able to communicate historical understanding in different ways. To use simple historical vocabulary eg years, decades, centuries, millennia, etc. 	 Select and organise information to produce structured work, making appropriate use of dates and terms Self-directed research project 		 To recall, select and organise historical information for different purposes. To be able to form opinions about historical changes, including people and events. To use a wide range of historical vocabulary accurately eg empire, civilisation, democracy, parliament, monarchy, peasantry. 	 To recall, select and organise historical information for different purposes. To be able to form opinions about historical changes, including people and events. To use a wide range of historical vocabulary accurately eg empire, civilisation, democracy, parliament, monarchy, peasantry.
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