

History Disciplinary Knowledge and Progression



Disciplinary knowledge is the name given to the knowledge taught in the school curriculum that is about how historians do their work.

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Developing understanding of Chronology To ensure the pupils have a coherent narrative, knowledge and understanding of Britain's past and the wider world from the earliest times to the present day, how people's lives have shaped Britain and how Britain has influenced and been influenced by the wider world.	Know the difference between old and new. Know the difference between long ago and now Use words like yesterday, last week, old and new. Appreciate the difference between old and dirty or worn. Compare old and new objects/ artefacts be able to put up to two artefacts or events in order. Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling.	Recognise that familiar objects we have today would have been different in the past, i.e., telephone. Create a simple timeline to capture recent events. Use words to show the passing of time: old, new, earliest, latest, past, present, future, century, new, newest, oldest, modern, before, after. Appreciate the difference between long ago and very long ago. Remember parts of stories they have read or have had read to them which involve memories about the past. Begin to appreciate what a timeline is by looking at a timeline over the past 10 years.	Describe memories and changes that have happened in their own lives. Recognise that stories they have read help them understand about the differences that exists between the place they live in and places in the past. 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. Begin to appreciate the difference between a long time ago and a very long time ago. Understand and use the words past and present when telling others about an event. Order a few events and artefacts from the recent past.	Use appropriate dates and chronological conventions, e.g., BC, BCE, and AD. Use words and phrases: century, decade. Begin to understand that the past is divided into different named periods of time Able to use dates to explain British, local and world history. Start using a timeline that identifies different centuries. Put artefacts or information in chronological order from a long time ago. Understand that significant discoveries or inventions changed the lives of people, e.g., the wheel or iron ore.	Place events, people, and changes of British, local and world history on a timeline. Appreciate that some historical events/periods occurred concurrently in separate locations, e.g., Indus Valley and Ancient Egypt. Use words and phrases: century, decade. Understand that some major events in the past caused a major change to the British landscape, e.g., Roman occupation Accurately set out different events onto a timeline, including the unit being studied. Sequence several events, artefacts or historical figures on a timeline using dates, including those that are sometimes further apart.	Have a secure understanding of a British timeline that extends from the Stone Age to the present day. Know and describe in some detail the main changes to an aspect in a period of history being studied. Describe events using words and phrases such as: century, decade, BC, AD, after, before, during, era, period. Know and sequence key events of time studied, using dates accurately. Order an increasing number of significant events, movements and dates on a timeline using dates accurately. Show a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of local, national, and global history. Describe connections. contrasts and trends over short and longer time periods.	Demonstrate a coherent chronological narrative, knowledge and understanding of Britain's past and the wider world. Use these key periods as reference points: BC, AD Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Tudors, Stuarts, Georgians, Victorians and Today. Describe main changes in a period in history using words such as: social, religious, political, technological, and cultural. Use timelines to demonstrate changes and developments in culture, technology, religion, and society. Identify specific changes within and across different periods over a prolonged period of history. Name date of any significant event studied from past and place it correctly on a timeline.

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Communicating	Talk about the lives	Sort events or objects	Use a wide vocabulary	Communicate	Communicate their	Present findings and	Communicate their
History	of people around	into groups (i.e., then,	of everyday historical	knowledge and	learning in an organised	communicate	knowledge and
	them and their	and now.)	terms to describe	understanding in a	and structured way,	knowledge and	understanding through
	roles in society.		objects, people, or	variety of ways -	using appropriate	understanding in	discussion, drawing
		Tell stories about the	events in history.	discussions, pictures,	terminology, using	separate ways e.g.,	pictures, drama, and
	Begin to sequence	past, including role-		writing, annotations,	different genres of	using different genres	role play, making
	pictures to show	play.	Speak about how	and drama.	writing, drawing,	of writing, drawing,	models, extended
	time order.		he/she has found out		diagrams, data-	diagrams, data-	writing, and ICT.
		Use timelines to order	about the past e.g.,	Give reasons for ideas	handling, drama role-	handling, drama role-	
	Talk, draw and	events or objects.	through role-play.	Uses some dates and	play, storytelling and	play, and storytelling	Use Historically
	write to show			historical terms	using ICT.	and using ICT.	accurate terms to talk
	ideas/communicate	Talk, draw or write	Present historical				about the passing of
	understanding.	(reports, labelling,	information in a simple	Researches a specific	Embed events within	Provide an account of a	time e.g.,
		simple recount) about	nonchronological	event from the past to	the wider historical	historical event based	BCE/CE/CENTURY
		aspects of the past.	report, independent	then write about this.	context of the time	on more than one	
			writing, chart, structural		period.	source.	Select and organise
		Begin to use ICT to	model, fact file, quiz,	Comments on the			information to produce
		communicate and	story, or biography	usefulness and accuracy	Display findings in a	Use appropriate terms,	structured work, making
		understand facts.		of different sources of	variety of ways - work	matching dates to	appropriate use of dates
			Make labelled drawings,	evidence.	independently and in	people and events.	and terms.
			tables and writes		groups.		
			sentences, speaking	Organise answers well.		Record and	
			(including in drama) and	State conclusions.	Construct own	communicate	
			uses ICT to begin to		responses, beginning to	knowledge in different	
			show ideas.		select and organise	forms - work	
					relevant Historical	independently and in	
					information.	groups showing	
						initiative.	

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Investigating the Past Historical Enquiry	Ask questions or make remarks about illustrations in a book they are reading which may be set in the past. Begin to recognise that characters in a book they know acted as they did because it was a long time ago.	Respond to simple questions about the past. Observe and handle artefacts and ask simple questions about the past. Explore events, look at pictures and ask questions e.g. "Which things are old, and which are new?" or "What were people doing?" Offer an opinion as to why something may have happened in the past and why they know	Look carefully at pictures and objects to find information and respond to simple questions about the past. Identify different ways in which the past is represented. Ask and answer questions such as: 'what was it like for a?,' 'what happened in the past?' 'how long ago did happen?' Begin to understand the reasons why people in the past acted as they did from a range of sources. Choose and select evidence and say how it can be used to find out about the past.	Use a range of sources to find out about a period. Suggest sources of evidence from a selection to help answer questions and says how it can be used to find out about the past. Explain that there are distinct types of evidence and sources that can be used to help represent the past.	Understand the difference between primary and secondary sources of evidence. Suggest sources of evidence from a selection provided to use to help answer questions. Use evidence to build up a picture of a past event. Ask a variety of questions.	Recognise when they are using primary and secondary sources of information to investigate the past. Use a wide range of evidence to build up a picture about the past. Realise that there is often not a single answer to historical questions. Devise questions about change, cause and consequences, similarity, difference and significant people or events in a wider context	Recognise primary and secondary sources. Use a wide range of different evidence to collect evidence about the past, such as ceramics, pictures, documents, printed sources, posters, online material, pictures, photographs, artefacts, historic statues, figures, sculptures, historic sites Understand the complexity of people's lives in the past and how some societies are different due to changes and challenges at that time. Bring knowledge gathered from several sources together in a fluent account. Investigate own lines of enquiry by posing historically valid questions to answer

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Thinking like a Historian	Give a reason for why something has changed between now and the past. Look at or touch objects from the past and comment on appearance. Recognise that the past is different from today.	Begin to identify and recount historic details from the past from sources e.g., pictures/stories. Begin to understand that an invention can sometime have a positive impact on an artefact we use every day, for example, television. Talk about some people and events that they have studied and give reasons for their actions. Consider the differences between 'long ago' and 'now.'	Appreciate the people in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. Recount historic details from eye-witness accounts, photos, and artefacts. Begin to reflect on the significance of what has been learnt from the past. Develop an awareness of the past and comment on how they found out.	Start to compare two versions of a past event. Observe and use pictures, photographs, and artefacts to find out about the past. Start to use stories or accounts to distinguish between fact and fiction. Explain that there are distinct types of evidence and sources that can be used to help represent the past. Recognise the reasons someone may have acted as they did in relation to the main events and changes of a time studied.	Look at more than two versions of the same event or story in history and identifies differences. Investigate different accounts of historical events and explain some of the reasons why the accounts may be different. Begin to talk about the impact of a past action on our lives today. Talk about similarities and differences between contrasting times in the past according to the periods of history studied.	Find and analyse a wide range of evidence about the past. Use a range of evidence to offer some clear reasons for different interpretations of events, linking this to factual understanding about the past. Realise that there is often not a single answer to historical questions Consider different ways of checking the accuracy of interpretations of the past. Discuss trends over time. Recognise the relationship between different periods and the legacy or impacts for people today.	Find and analyse a wide range of evidence about the past. Start to know the difference between primary and secondary evidence and the impact of this on reliability. Show an awareness of the concept of propaganda. Form own opinions about historical events from a range of sources. Use a range of evidence to offer some clear reasons for different interpretations of events, linking this to factual understanding about the past. Consider different ways of checking the accuracy of interpretations of the past. Appreciate that people in the past represent events or ideas in a way that may be to persuade others. Begin to evaluate the usefulness of different sources.