

History Progression in Upper Key Stage Two

Strands	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Historical Knowledge: Constructing the past	Year 4 Unit 1: The Ancient Egyptians	Year 5 Unit 2: The Vikings	Year 6 Unit 1: The Maya Civilisation
 Y5, Y6: 2.1.1 Establish clear narratives within and across the periods they study. Note connections, contrasts and trends over time. Combine overview and depth studies to help pupils understand both the long arc of development and the complexity of specific aspects of the content. Y4: 2.1.1 Develop knowledge and understanding of British, local and world history. Establish clear narratives within and across the periods they study. Understand overview and depth. 	End of Year 4, expected: Can identify a range of details from within and across local, national and global history, to demonstrate some overall awareness of themes, societies, events and people, e.g. using knowledge gained in their study of Ancient Egypt, identifying three or more of the main achievements of the Ancient Egyptians and providing some valid detailed reasons for their selections. Will begin to make some reference to other societies, but their reasoning may be undeveloped.	End of Year 5, expected: Can understand some features associated with themes, societies, people and events, e.g. use knowledge gained to demonstrate an understanding of aspects of the life within the Viking period, such as religion and food, but without links and grouping them into themes, e.g. social, cultural. Will be able to make some reference to and identify links with other societies studied, e.g. The Anglo-Saxons.	End of Year 6, expected: Can provide overviews of the most significant features of different themes, individuals, societies and events covered, e.g. can use knowledge gained to give an overview of the main features of the Maya civilisation. Will begin to make links and group them into themes, e.g. social, cultural. Will be able to make links with themes in other societies studied, e.g. The Ancient Egyptians.
Historical Knowledge: Sequencing the past	Year 4 Unit 2: Roman Britain	Year 5 Unit 1: The Anglo-Saxons	Year 6 Unit 2: The Ancient Greeks
Y4, Y5, Y6: 2.2.1 Develop chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British, local and world history.	End of Year 4, expected: Can accurately sequence the key events, objects, themes, societies, periods and people within and across topics confidently using key dates and terms, e.g. they can accurately construct a timeline of Roman Britain and with some accuracy link this with a timeline of the Bronze to Iron Age (or other relevant topics previously studied). Provide detailed valid reasons why they have sequenced the events/objects in this way.	End of Year 5, expected: Will sequence, with some independence and increasing accuracy, many of the significant events, societies and people within and across topics covered using appropriate dates, period labels and terms, e.g. place many of the important developments, people and events in the Anglo-Saxon period on an annotated timeline. Will be able to make some links between this sequence to the events and people within other time periods studied.	End of Year 6, expected: Will sequence, with independence, many of the significant events, societies and people within and across the UKS2 topics covered using appropriate dates, period labels and terms, e.g. select independently from a range of material, and sequence accurately using appropriate labels and dates. Can accurately identify links between this sequence and the events of other periods studied.



History Concepts: Change and	Year 4 Unit 3: Crime and Punishment	Year 5 Unit 1: The Anglo-Saxons	Year 6 Unit 3: The Impact of War
Development/Similarity and			
Difference	End of Year 4, expected:	End of Year 5, expected:	End of Year 6, expected:
	Can explain why certain changes and	Can independently and confidently provide a	Can compare similarities, differences and
Y4, Y5, Y6: 2.3.1	developments were of particular significance	comprehensive list of the changes within the	changes within and across topics, e.g. in
Address and devise historically valid	within topics and across time periods.	period studied.	terms of importance, progress or the type
questions about change, similarity and	Can provide a comprehensive list of the	Can independently provide valid reasons why	and nature of the change, e.g. provide some
difference.	changes of Crime and Punishment within the	some changes and developments were of	similarities and differences affecting
Note connections, contrasts and	period studied.	particular importance within the particular UKS2	differing locations within the world wars.
trends over time.	Will identify links between the changes.	topic, e.g. decide why one or more changes in	Will confidently identify a range of links
	Will provide a clear rationale for why one	the Anglo-Saxon period is of particular	between the various changes, e.g. the
	change could be considered to be more	importance.	change in women's roles during the war
	important than others.	Will identify a range of links between the various	with changes in women's rights.
	May provide insightful ideas about whether	changes.	Will begin to understand and explain how
	some things did not change very much within a	Can provide insightful ideas about whether some	some of the changes were exceptional or
	period and why.	things did not change very much within a period	commonplace, e.g. as part of the impact of
		and why this occurred.	the war on their locality.
History Concepts: Cause and Effect	Year 4 Unit 3: Crime and Punishment	Year 5 Unit 2: The Vikings	Year 6 Unit 3: The Impact of War
Y4, Y5, Y6: 2.4.1	End of Year 4, expected:	End of Year 5, expected:	End of Year 6, expected:
Address and devise historically valid	Can independently and confidently comment	Can explain the role of different causes and	Can independently provide a
questions about cause.	on the importance of causes and effects for	effects of a range of events and developments,	comprehensive list of valid detailed reasons
1	some of the key events and developments	e.g. can list a range of valid reasons why the	why events took place and the effects of
	within the topics studied, e.g. the reasons for	Vikings left Scandinavia and chose to settle in	those events, e.g. how the World Wars had
	the changes in prison reform.	Britain.	an impact on their locality.
	Can understand that the same event can result	Can place the causes and/or effects in an order of	Will order these causes and/or effects into a
	in both positive and negative effects, e.g. the	significance and explain why they are arranged in	hierarchy of significance and will comment
	actions of the suffragettes.	this order, e.g. the reasons why the Vikings left	insightfully on why they have selected this
		Scandinavia and chose to settle in Britain.	order.
		Can make a link between the causes or effects of	Will make a number of valid links between
		events within one period with those of another,	why certain events occurred in the period
		e.g. events in the Viking period with those of	studied and events taking place in other
		other periods studied, such as why the Romans	periods or locations, or note how effects of
		or the Anglo-Saxons chose to settle in Britain.	events could be similar.
			May be able to identify some of the causes
			as long or short-term triggers and how
			some effects can be immediate and others
			long term.



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		End of Year 6, expected:
		Can confidently explain the reasons why
		particular aspects of a historical event,
,		development, society or person were of
		particular significance, e.g. they will
		describe and then critically evaluate the
•		significance of various achievements made
		by the Ancient Greeks.
•	•	Can introduce a hierarchy of importance
.		and explain while some aspects continue to
· · · ·		be relevant, others may be dismissed as no
	significance, e.g. the spread of Christianity.	longer being relevant and not having long
their relevance today.		term significance, e.g. within the
		achievements made by the Ancient Greeks
•		the significant impact of establishing
		democracy and its importance in society
		today.
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· •		Can independently plan and produce
		quality, detailed responses to a wide range
		of historical enquiries.
		Will make reference to appropriate
		evidence from a wide range of complex,
		varied sources studied within the sessions
-	•	and also from their own research to
		produce a structured argument to answer
viewpoints considered.	viewpoints considered.	
	End of Year 4, expected: Can confidently select what is most significant in a historical account, related to a person's life, a key event or a theme, e.g. a development made by the Romans. Can give a number of valid reasons why they have selected a particular aspect as being most significant in a historical account, related to a person's life, a key event or a theme and why others are less important. Will begin to understand that some things will have long or short-term significance e.g. the developments introduced by the Romans and their relevance today. End of Year 4, expected: Can identify a range of ways in which two or more accounts of the same event differ. Can comment on a range of possible reasons for the differences in a number of accounts, e.g. the pupil can identify a range of ways in which the accounts by Dio Cassius and Tacitus are the same and also different in their description of the battle and of Boudicca. Year 4 Unit 2: Roman Britain End of Year 4, expected: Can independently devise significant historical enquiries based on a range of valid questions, e.g. related to 'What happened when the Romans came to Britain?'. Can answer the questions in some detail using a range of relevant and varied sources to support points made. Work will be clearly structured with contrasting	End of Year 4, expected: Can confidently select what is most significant in a historical account, related to a person's life, a key event or a theme, e.g. a development made by the Romans. Can give a number of valid reasons why they have selected a particular aspect as being most significant in a historical account, related to a person's life, a key event or a theme and why others are less important. Will begin to understand that some things will have long or short-term significance e.g. the developments introduced by the Romans and their relevance today.End of Year 5, expected: Can comment on a range of possible reasons for the differences in a number of accounts, e.g. the pupil can identify a range of ways in which the accounts by Dio Cassius and Tacitus are the same and also different in their description of the battle and of Boudicca.End of Year 5, expected: Can comment on a range of valid questions, e.g. related to i'Wast happened when the Romans came to Britain?'. Can answer the questions in some detail using a range of relevant and varied sources to support points made.End of Year 5, expected: Can confidently and independently devise significant historical enquiries based on a aronge of valid questions, e.g. related to 'Wast happened when the Romans came to Britain?'.End of Year 5, expected: Can answer the questions in some detail using a range of relevant and varied sources to support points made.Year 5 Unit 1: The Anglo-SaxonsEnd of Year 4, expected: Can answer the questions in some detail using a range of relevant and varied sources to support points made.Year 5 Unit 1: The Anglo-SaxonsEnd of Year 4, expected: Can answer the questions in some detail using a range of relevant and varied sources to support points made.Can confidently and ind



	Use a broad range of relevant historical terms. Will work independently and with confidence.	 Will use the evidence to reach a valid and substantiated overall conclusion. Will use a broad range of relevant historical terms throughout. Will follow a clear structure appropriate for presenting an argument. Will work independently and with confidence. Will begin to critically evaluate their enquiry and consider possible ways in which it could be improved or developed. 	the sub-question and build towards reaching an overall conclusion. Will reach a valid overall conclusion, e.g. 'Which of the world wars had the greater impact on their community?' with clear reference made to the preceding arguments and evidence. Will confidently use a broad range of challenging, relevant historical terms throughout. Will critically evaluate their enquiry and consider ways in which it could be improved or developed.
Historical Enquiry: Using Sources as Evidence	Year 4 Unit 3: Crime and Punishment	Year 5 Unit 1: The Anglo-Saxons	Year 6 Unit 3: The Impact of War
	End of Year 4, expected:	End of Year 5, expected:	End of Year 6, expected:
Y4, Y5, Y6: 2.7.1 Understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.	Can recognise possible uses of a range of sources for answering historical enquiries, e.g. the pupil can use a range of sources to compile a detailed description of what Dick Turpin was like. Can use the sources to compile a detailed description of what Dick Turpin was like. Demonstrate an understanding that some sources may be more useful than others by commenting on the importance of some of the sources.	From a range of sources provided, accept and reject sources based on valid criteria when carrying out particular enquiries, e.g. 'How useful is written evidence in finding out about the Anglo-Saxons?' Can explain why they have made that selection, possibly with some references to utility and reliability.	Can comment with confidence on the value of a range of different types of sources for enquiries, including extended enquiries, e.g. can select and reject appropriate sources to exemplify the impact of the wars from those studied within the unit. Will explain confidently why they have made that selection, referring to both utility and reliability and considering the purpose, audience, accuracy and how the source was compiled.