

Uplands Manor Primary School – History progression grid

Year	NC content	Skills
Group		
Reception	Comment on images of familiar situations in the past – Di	scussions of own birthday celebrations & other key events in
	their life.	
	Compare and contrast characters from stories including fig	ures from the past – Which stories are special & why?
	Celebration stories- The Diwali story, The Nativity story –	Christmas celebrations in the past- show photos of how
	Christmas used to be celebrated in the past	
	Distinguish between past and present when looking at photographs, objects and books – Comparing fire engines from	
	the past and fire engines today; Finding out about Florence Nightingale	
	Distinguish between past and present when looking at photographs, objects and books – Comparing vehicles from the	
	past and present e.g. Trains; Which stories are special & why? – The Easter Story	
Year 1	Changes within living memory and Significant places in	Vocabulary
	their own locality	Use vocabulary such as yesterday, then, now, before, after,
	- Is there any difference between schools today and in	past and present.
	the time of your parents and grandparents?	Questioning
		Ask and answer simple questions about what they have
		heard.

	The lives of significant individuals in the past who have	Chronological understanding
	contributed to national and international achievements –	Use common words and phrases or answer simple questions
	Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong	to sequence events.
		Identifying contrasts and themes
	The lives of significant individuals in the past who have	Make simple historical comparisons (eg spot the difference)
	contributed to national and international achievements –	Using sources
	Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole	To form opinions – Use parts of stories to show that they
		understand historical events
		To understand how the past is constructed – Show some
		understanding of the ways we can find out about the past
		(books, museums, artefacts, archaeology)
Year 2	The lives of significant individuals in the past who have	Vocabulary
	contributed to national and international achievements –	Understand the terms BC and AD
	Scott of the Antarctic	Questioning
		Show curiosity by voluntarily asking questions about what
	Events beyond living memory that are significant	they have read or heard
	nationally and globally – <i>the Titanic</i>	Chronological understanding
		Start to note connections over time. Sequence events and
	Events beyond living memory that are significant	explain their thinking. Date events to the nearest century or
	nationally and globally – <i>Great Fire of London</i>	era and occasionally to the year.
		Identifying contrasts and themes
		Independently identify similarities and differences when
		subjects (people, places, events, ways of life).
		Using sources

		To form opinions – Choose and use parts of stories to show
		that they understand key features of events.
		To understand how the past is constructed – Identify ways
		in which the past is represented
Year 3	Changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age	Vocabulary
		Continue to use BC and AD across topics and introduce
	The achievements of early civilisations – an overview of	chronological
	where and when the first civilisations appeared and a	Questioning
	depth study – <i>Ancient Egypt</i>	Start to frame questions and answers in historically valid
		ways (eg about change and difference)
	The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain	Chronological understanding
		Note connections over time
		Identifying contrasts and themes
		Note connections within and across periods, both those that
		they study and others they draw on independently.
		Start to comment on historical changes including suggestions
		about cause and effect.
		Start to identify themes within and between topics.
		Using sources
		To form opinions – independently select and use sources to
		satisfy their curiosity about the past.
		To understand how the past is constructed – explain how
		the past can often be interpreted to inform opinions.
Year 4	Britain's settlement by the Anglo–Saxons and Scots	Vocabulary

		Use and understand the term century
	The Viking and Anglo Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of	Questioning
	England to the time of Edward the Confessor	Ask and answer historically valid questions (eg about
		contrast, cause and effect, reliability)
	A non-European society that provides contrasts with	Chronological understanding
	British History – <i>Maya</i>	Note connections, contrasts and trends over time
		Use the year confidently to date events
		Identifying contrasts and themes
		Note connections, contrasts and trends – across time but
		also between places and cultures
		Comment on continuity and change, cause and effect.
		Identify themes within and between topics.
		Using sources
		To form opinions – select and use sources to construct their
		own opinions about the past.
		Start to explain the usefulness and reliability of different
		sources.
		To understand how the past is constructed – start to critique
		other people's opinions about the past.
Year 5	A study of an aspect or theme in British history that	Vocabulary
	extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066 –	Continue to use century in relation to their learning.
	Tudors	Questioning
		Ask and answer historically valid questions (eg about
		significance, or the basis of people's opinions)

	Ancient Greece – a study of Greek life and the	Chronological understanding
	achievements and their influence on the western world	Demonstrate historical perspective by explaining contrasts
		and trends in the short and long-term.
	A study of an aspect or theme in British history that	Use precise dates and explain why some are significant.
	extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066 –	Identifying contrasts and themes
	Victorians	Sequence and structure complex subjects and themes.
		Start to suggest reasons for connections over time and
		across places and cultures.
		Comment on impact and legacy.
		Using sources
		To form opinions- select, organise and use information from
		more than one source to construct and informed response
		and/or opinion
		Explain the usefulness and reliability of different sources.
		To understand how the past is constructed – start to develop
		perspective and judgment by explaining how historical 'facts'
		are often interpreted to support opinions.
Year 6	A study of an aspect or theme in British history that	Vocabulary
	extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066 –	Confidently use century to refer to different periods of
	World War 2	history.
		Questioning
	A study of an aspect or theme in British history that	Regularly ask and answer perceptive questions in historically
	extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066 –	valid ways.
	Crime and Punishment	Chronological understanding

	Establish clear narratives within and across periods, and at
A local history study – <i>Battle of Britain in the local area</i>	local, national and world level.
	Start to use their secure sense of chronology to inform their
	wider learning.
	Identifying contrasts and themes
	Compare and contrast places, people and cultures, analysing
	their and others' comparisons, extrapolating from them
	justifying their ideas with evidence.
	Using sources
	To form opinions – thoughtfully select, organise and use
	relevant information from a range of sources to inform
	responses, justify their opinions, and politely point out the
	limitations of others' arguments.
	To understand how the past is constructed – use historical
	perspective, an understanding of reliability/bias, and the
	concept of historical rigour, to discern and evaluate
	arguments and interpretations of the past.