Frimley Church of England School

History - Skills and Knowledge Progression





Intent

At Frimley, we believe it is important for children to develop a coherent knowledge and understanding of Britain and the world around them. History provides children with the opportunity to explore the past in interesting and exciting ways learning about significant people and key events in the past, in Britain and the wider world, and to begin to understand how such events have shaped and influenced our lives today. We aim to make learning more child-led, which is driven by the children's interests whilst meeting the needs of the national curriculum objectives, and is made relevant to them by learning about our local area. A chronological awareness is key in history and we expect children to be able to place events, people and changes into correct periods of time as well as use dates and vocabulary appropriately, and with increasing accuracy, as they move through Key Stage 2.

Implementation

History provides children with the opportunity to develop a secure knowledge of the past and to inspire curiosity and develop skills of enquiry and questioning, allowing them to become open minded "historical detectives" who explore the past in exciting and creative ways. We aim to bring the past to life through practical first hand experiences, such as role play and workshops, and the use of a variety of primary and secondary resources, such as artefacts, to help the children find clues and deduce information about the past. As children progress through the school, they are taught to further develop their critical thinking skills and investigate and interrogate historical evidence and communicate their findings in creative and engaging ways.

Impact

- Children will become increasingly aware of how historical events have shaped the world that they currently live in and impact upon our future.
- Fosters an awareness and sense of curiosity about how our past influences who we are today and History's links with our British Values
- Develops a better understanding of History within our local community
- Equips children with transferrable knowledge and skills which help to prepare them for the next stage of their learning and for life as an adult in the wider world

National curriculum expectations:

By the end of Key Stage 2 pupils should continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British, local and world history, establishing clear narratives within and across the periods they study. They should note connections, contrasts and trends over time and develop the appropriate use of historical terms. They should regularly address and sometimes devise historically valid questions about change, cause, similarity and difference, and significance. They should construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation of relevant historical information. They should understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources. In planning to ensure the progression described above through teaching the British, local and world history outlined below, teachers should combine overview and depth studies to help pupils understand both the long arc of development and the complexity of specific aspects of the content.

Pupils should be taught to:

- Changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age
- The achievements of the earliest civilizations an overview of where and when the first civilizations appeared and a depth study of one of the following: Ancient Sumer; The Indus Valley; Ancient Egypt; The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China
- Ancient Greece a study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world
- The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain
- Britain's settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots
- The Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor
- A study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066
- A non-European society that provides contrast with British history one study chosen from: early Islamic civilization, including a study of Bagdad c.AD 900; Mayan civilization c. AD 900; Benin (West Africa) c. AD 900-1300
- A local history study

What Frimley offers to its pupils:

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Knowledge Time Periods to be studied	Pre-Roman Britain – Stone Age to Iron Age Enquiry – What was new about the New Stone Age? Enquiry – Which was more impressive – the Bronze Age or Iron Age? Early Civilisations and Ancient Egypt Enquiry: How much did the Ancient Egyptians achieve?	The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain Enquiry – What happened when the Romans came to Britain? Ancient Greeks Enquiry – What did the Greeks do for us?	Anglo Saxons and Scots Enquiry: Was the Anglo-Saxon period really a Dark Age? The Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England Enquiry: Would the Vikings do anything for money? Local study dating from a period beyond 1066- Samuel Cody and his impact upon aviation in Britain. Enquiry: How did flight change the World?	Mayan Civilization (Non-European Study) Enquiry: Why should we remember the Maya? Crime and punishment Enquiry: How has crime and punishment changed over time? Study dating beyond 1066 (Home front in WW2) Enquiry: How did the efforts on the home front impact World War 2?
Local Links	Bronze Age burial mounds at Horsell Common and remains of Iron Age hillforts at Hascombe Hill in Chertseyand St George's Hill in Weybridge.	Local links – the modern A3 and A24 follows the Roman road connecting London to Chichester known as Stane Street.		
Skills	Chronological understanding: Start to develop understanding that the past can be divided into different periods of time by placing events, people and changes into correct periods of time. Begin to use dates to place events, people and features of particular eras on a timeline and compare durations of	Chronological understanding: Show understanding that the past can be divided into different periods of time by placing events, people and changes into correct periods of time. Use dates to place events, people and features of particular eras on a timeline including BC and AD dates (maths Y4), and make correct use of historical	Chronological understanding: Use dates including BC and AD. Have knowledge and understanding of the chronology of the British, local and world history studied Recognise characteristic features of periods and societies studied	Chronological understanding: Use dates precisely including BC and AD and say, read and write dates accurately (maths Y6) Have a secure knowledge and understanding of the chronology of the British, local and world history studied Identify characteristic features of periods and societies studied

eras or events (maths Y3) and begin to	period terms such as ancient, medieval,	Pick out connections, contrasts and	Pick out connections, contrasts and
use of historical vocabulary. Describe	modern, century and decade. Describe	trends over time within and across	trends over time within and across
similarities and differences within and	similarities and differences within and	different periods	different periods
across different periods.	across different periods and suggest		
acioss different periods.	reasons for them.	Knowledge and understanding of	Knowledge and understanding of
Knowledge and understanding of		events, people and changes in the past:	events, people and changes in the past:
events, people and changes in the past:	Knowledge and understanding of	Select relevant evidence from a range	Find evidence to show knowledge and
Use simple evidence to show knowledge	events, people and changes in the past:	of sources and describe the events,	describe in detail events, people and
of some of the main events, people and	Use evidence to show knowledge of	people and places.	places
changes studied	some of the main events, people and	Demonstrate historical understanding	Identify explain causes of events and
Suggest reasons for events in different	changes studied	when identifying and explaining causes	changes, describing and explaining
times.	Give a reason for the occurrence of an	of events and changes.	consequences.
Use concrete examples to identify	event or action relating to other people	Demonstrate an understanding of	Demonstrate knowledge of continuity
similarities and differences over time.	in different times and say what	continuity and change over time,	and change over time, making links to
e.g. what clothes rich and poor people	happened as a result	making links to show how one thing may	show how one thing may depend upon
wore, how fires were dealt with in	Demonstrate knowledge of concrete	depend upon another	another
different eras	_	Identify historically significant people	
different eras	examples of continuity and change over time by identifying what has stayed the	and events	Identify historically significant people and events.
listerical interpretation.	same and what has changed, e.g. what		and events.
Historical interpretation: Identify some of the different ways in	clothes rich and poor people wore, how	listerical interpretation.	listorical interpretation.
	fires were dealt with in different eras	Historical interpretation:	Historical interpretation:
which the past is represented	fires were dealt with in different eras	Understand how our knowledge of the	Understand how our knowledge of the
		past is constructed from a range of	past is constructed from a range of
Historical inquiry:	Historical interpretation:	sources	sources
Start to ask historical questions, e.g.	Identify some of the different ways in		
about a picture, artefact or story; after	which the past is represented and	Historical enquiry:	Historical enquiry:
using simple sources.	interpreted	Devise historical questions about	Devise historically valid questions about
Develop research skills.		change, cause, similarity, difference and	change, cause, similarity, difference and
	Historical enquiry:	significance	significance
Organisation and communication:	Ask appropriate historical questions,	Begin to construct informed responses	Construct informed responses to
Communicate knowledge simply, using	e.g. about a picture, artefact or story;	to questions about change, cause,	questions about change, cause,
sentences with some historical terms.	after research or using sources, propose	similarity, difference and significance by	similarity, difference and significance by
	some additional questions for future	selecting and organising relevant	selecting and organising relevant
	consideration	historical information from sources	historical information from sources
	Use research skills to answer questions		_
	and give some valid reasons to	Organisation and communication:	Organisation and communication:
	substantiate answers	Produce responses that involve	Produce structured informed responses
		selection and organisation of relevant	that involve thoughtful selection and
	Organisation and communication:	historical information, using some	organisation of relevant historical
	Communicate knowledge clearly, using	dates and historical terms.	information, making appropriate use of
	paragraphs to organise ideas (English		dates and historical terms which are
	Y4) and use and spell historical terms		spelt correctly (maths Y4), with ideas
	accurately		linked across paragraphs (English Y6)