



Newton Primary School: History Skills Progression Map

Our History Curriculum encourages children to be curious and inquisitive about the past and understand how key periods and events in Britain and the wider world have shaped society today. We encourage children to ask questions about the past and think about the consequences on today's society.

N.B Although this shows the skills in year group order, at Newton we have mixed age classes. Teachers use this document when planning history and will teach to the oldest age group.

	FS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Chronological Understanding	Sequence pictures to show time order (eg baby, toddler, child). To use simple words to talk about the passing of time.	To put up to three objects, people or events in chronological order. To begin to recognise the differences between ways of life in past and present.	To sequence a set of events in chronological order and give reasons. To identify differences between ways of life in the past and present.	To use a timeline within a specific time period (events, people and objects). To begin to understand that the past can be divided into different periods of time.	To place periods of History on a timeline in order. To explain how the past can be divided into different periods of time.	To create a timeline including periods (studied) within History. To pick out similarities and differences between different periods of time. To know some significant dates.	To understand the relate length of periods (studied) in History. To explain the similarities and differences between different periods of time. To know some significant dates.
Knowledge and Understanding	To listen to and recall historical stories.	To use stories to talk about things that have happened in the past.	Recount the main events from a significant event in History.	To identify what life was like in the past – how people lived (during the history studied).	To identify key features and events (during history studied) and offer reasonable	To examine causes and results of great events and the influence these have had on life today.	To use knowledge to describe the individual and special features of past societies and times.

	Talk about past and events in their own lives and in the lives of family members.	To recognise how the achievements of famous people have influenced our lives.	To recognise why people did things, why events happened and what happened as a result.	To identify what events happened and understand what happened as a result.	explanations for some events. To begin to give reasons for the main events and changes for the periods studied.	To give reasons for the main events and changes for the periods studied.	To give reasons why changes have occurred using historical knowledge and evidence.
Historical Enquiry	To identify and talk about similarities and differences.	To ask and answer simple historical questions.	To ask and answer appropriate historical questions using own historical knowledge.	To ask historical questions and use a variety of sources of evidence to answer questions.	To ask historically valid questions and to use sources of information (beyond simple observations) to answer historical questions.	To answer and devise own historically valid questions about change, cause, similarity and difference and significant.	To construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation of relevant historical information.
Historical Interpretation	I can recognise a familiar event can be represented in different ways e.g. photos, videos, mementos such as saved birthday cards.	To begin to identify different ways to represent the past (photograph, stories, websites, information books).	To identify different ways to represent the past (photograph, stories, websites, information books).	To identify and give reasons for different ways in which the past is represented.	To begin to evaluate the usefulness of different sources.	To compare accounts of events from different sources.	To link sources and work out how conclusions were met.