Busill Jones Primary School History Skills and Concepts Progression

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
	Areas of Study					
Learn about changes within living memory. Where appropriate, these should be used to reveal aspects of change in national life Learn about significant historical events, people and place in their own leading	Learn about events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally. The Great Fire of London. Learn about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international	Learn about changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Learn about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. Conduct a local history study. Study an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils'	Learn about Britain's settlement by Anglo- Saxons and Scots. Learn about the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor. Learn about Ancient Greece, a study of Greek life and	Learn about a Non- European society that provides contrasts with British history, Mayans. Study an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066. Tudors-Monarchs and their reigns (Contrast	Study an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066. Children in World War 2. Crime and Punishment. Extended Period of Study.	
their own locality. Learn about events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally. The Great Fire of London.	achievements. Some should be used to compare aspects of life in different periods.	chronological knowledge beyond 1066. Books through time.	achievements and their influence on the western world.	to Roman Emperor and Egyptian Pharaohs), voyages of discovery and explorers. Migration, Journeys to Britain. Conduct a local history study.	achievements of the earliest civilizations – an overview of where and when the first the first civilisations appeared and a depth of study of Ancient Egypt.	

Knowledge and Understanding of Events, People and Changes in the Past

Recall some facts about	Recount the main	Find out about	Use evidence to	Study different aspects	Find out about beliefs,
people/events before	events from a	everyday lives of	reconstruct life in the	of different people –	behaviour and
living memory, from	significant event in	people in time studied	times studied.	compare the lives of	characteristics of
stories of the past.	history.	e.g. describe clothes		different people e.g.	people, recognising
		and buildings.	Identify key features	rich/poor or	that not everyone
Recognise the	Recognise why people		and events of the times	men/women.	shares the same views
difference between	did things, why events	Identify reasons for and	studied.		and feelings.
past and present in	happened and what	results of people's		Examine causes and	
their own and others'	happened as a result	actions.	Look for cause and	results of great events	Make links between
lives.			effects.	and the impact on	some of the features of
	Identify differences	Understand why		people.	past societies. (e.g.
Say why people may	between ways of life at	people may have	Offer a reasonable		religion, houses,
have acted the way they	different times.	wanted to do	explanation for some	Compare life in early	society, technology.)
did.		something.	events.	and late 'times' studied.	
					Give detailed
			Describe how some of	Compare an aspect of	descriptions how some
			the things I have studied	life with the same	of the things studied
			from the past	aspect in another	from the past
			affect/influence life	period.	affect/influence life
			today.		today.
				Compare an aspect in	
			Identify some	the past to today.	Write another
			similarities and		explanation of a past
			differences.		event in terms of cause
			unterences.		and effect using
					evidence to support
					and illustrate their
					explanation.
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					Know key dates,
					characters and events
					of times studied.

Chronological Understanding

Sequence events in	Sequence photographs	Understand that a	Place events from	Order significant	Order significant
their life.	etc. from different	timeline can be divided	period studied on time	events, movements and	events, movements and
	periods of their life.	into BC (Before Christ)	line.	dates on a timeline.	dates on a timeline.
Understand the		and AD (Anno Domini).			
difference between	Describe memories of		Use terms related to	Use relevant terms and	Use relevant dates and
things that happened	key events in lives.	Use dates and terms	the period and begin to	period labels.	terms.
in the past and the	,	related to the study	date events		
present.	Understand and use	unit and passing of		Make comparisons	Sequence up to 10
	the words past and	time.		between different	events on a time line.
Sequence 3 or 4	present when telling			times in the past	
objects or artefacts	others about an event.	Sequence several		·	Identify and compare
from distinctly		events or artefacts			changes within and
different periods of	Use a timeline to place				across different
time.	important events.				periods.
Match objects to					Understand how some
people of different					historical events
ages.					occurred concurrently
					in different locations
Use words and					i.e. Ancient Greece and
phrases such as: now,					Ancient Egypt.
yesterday, last week,					
when I was younger, a					
long time ago, a very					
long time ago, before I					
was born. When my					
parents/carers were					
young.					
Liss a timeling to					
Use a timeline to					
place important					

events.						
	Interpretations of History					
Use stories to Compare encourage children to a distinguish between represented. Begin to photographs of people	2 versions of Identify past event. reasons ways in which the evaluate the fiction. usefulness of	and give Look at the for different. past sources – fact or different Consider	evidence Compare available. events were arrived at. fact ways of	accounts of Link from different out and fiction. Compare	sources and work how conclusions pictures or is	
Compare adults talking about the past – how photos/ compare versions of the same	or events in the past. different sources – different Use text historical knowledge.	Distinguish between different versions of books and events. or	sources. Offer some of interpretations – fiction and opinion.	reasons for checking fact reliable are their memories?	the accuracy Discuss reliability of accounts/stories.	
versions of the same	nistorical knowledge.	story. Be aware that	different evidence	will lead to different	conclusions.	
Historical Enquiry						

Find answers to simple	Use a source – observe	Use a range of sources	Use evidence to build	Begin to identify	Recognise primary and
questions about the	or handle sources to	to find out about a	up a picture of a past	primary and secondary	secondary sources.
past from sources of	answer questions about	period.	event.	sources.	
information e.g.	the past on the basis of				Devise historically valid
artefacts. Ask	simple observations.	Observe small details –	Choose relevant	Use evidence to build	questions.
questions i.e, "Which		artefacts, pictures.	material to present a	up a picture of a past	
things are old and	Ask questions about		picture of one aspect of	event to answer	Use a range of sources
which are new?" or	the past. Use a wide	Select and record	life in time past.	questions, realising that	to find out about an
"What were people	range of information to	information relevant to		there is often not a	aspect of time past.
doing?"	answer questions.	the study.	Ask a variety of	single answer to	
			questions.	historical questions.	Suggest omissions and
Look at objects from		Begin to use the library			the means of finding
the past and ask		and internet for	Use the library and	Select relevant sections	out.
questions i.e, "What		research.	internet for research.	of information.	
were they used for?"					Bring knowledge
and try to answer.		Devise questions.			gathered from several
				Use the library and	sources together in a
Begin to ask questions				internet for research	fluent account.
about the past.				with increasing	
				confidence.	Choose reliable sources
					of evidence to answer
				Begin to devise	questions, realising that
				historically valid	there is often not a
				question.	single answer to
					historical questions.
		Organisation and	d Communication		

Sort events or objects	Describe objects,	Communicate ideas	Communicate ideas	Communicate ideas	Communicate ideas
into groups (i.e. then	people or events in	about the past using	about the past using	from the past using	from the past using
and now.	history.	different genres of	different genres of	different genres of	different genres of
		writing, drawing,	writing, drawing,	writing, drawing,	writing, drawing,
Use timelines to order	Use timelines to order	diagrams, datahandling,	diagrams, datahandling,	diagrams, datahandling,	diagrams, datahandling,
events or objects.	events or objects or	drama roleplay,	drama roleplay,	drama roleplay,	drama roleplay,
	place significant	storytelling and using	storytelling and using	storytelling and using	storytelling and using
Talk, write and draw	people.	ICT.	ICT.	ICT.	ICT.
about things from the					
past.	Communicate ideas			Plan and present a	Plan and present a
	about people, objects			selfdirected project or	selfdirected project or
	or events from the past			research about the	research about the
	in speaking, writing,			studied period.	studied period.
	drawing, role-play,				
	storytelling and using				
	ICT.				

Key Concepts:	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Continuity and change	Identify similarities and differences between ways of life at	Describe or make links between events, situations and changes
in and between	different times, for example, how holiday destinations are	within and across different periods and societies: the idea of
periods	different now compared to the Victorian times because we	monarchy, for example, still exists today but they have a vey
	have aeroplanes.	different role.

Cause and consequence	Recognise why people did things, why events happened and what happened as a result: as mentioned above, we go on holiday abroad because we have aeroplanes but the Victorians only had steam trains or boats so were limited.	Identify and give reasons for, and results of, historical events, situations and changes – understanding that one event may lead to many other events, the Second World War, for example, led to evacuation, rationing and some improved status for women.
Similarity, difference and themes within a period or situation	Make simple observations about different types of people, events and beliefs within a society – Samuel Pepys wore different clothes to us, for example.	Describe social, cultural, religious and ethnic diversity in Britain and the wider world: the Romans, Vikings and French all invaded Britain at different times – some would have settled here and had families, so Britain always has been a very diverse, multicultural country.
Significance of events and people	Talk about who was important e.g. in a simple historical account, this could include Rosa Parks because she stood up for what she believed in - racial equality.	Identify historically significant people and events in situations – World War II was a significant event, for example, because it changed the structures of society such as class divisions and the ways women were viewed and treated.