Brookside Academy Skills, Knowledge and Vocabulary document History

Aims

The national curriculum for history aims to ensure that all pupils:

- know and understand the history of these islands as a coherent, chronological narrative, from the earliest times to the present day: how people's lives have shaped this nation and how Britain has influenced and been influenced by the wider world
- know and understand significant aspects of the history of the wider world: the nature of ancient civilisations; the expansion and dissolution of empires; characteristic features of past non-European societies; achievements and follies of mankind
- gain and deploy a historically grounded understanding of abstract terms such as 'empire', 'civilisation', 'parliament' and 'peasantry'
- understand historical concepts such as continuity and change, cause and consequence, similarity, difference and significance, and use them to make connections, draw contrasts, analyse trends, frame historically-valid questions and create their own structured accounts, including written narratives and analyses
- understand the methods of historical enquiry, including how evidence is used rigorously to make historical claims, and discern how and why contrasting arguments and interpretations of the past have been constructed
- gain historical perspective by placing their growing knowledge into different contexts, understanding the connections between local, regional, national and international history; between cultural, economic, military, political, religious and social history; and between short- and long-term timescales.

KS1

Pupils should develop an awareness of the past, using common words and phrases relating to the passing of time. They should know where the people and events they study fit within a chronological framework and identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods. They should use a wide vocabulary of everyday historical terms. They should ask and answer questions, choosing and using parts of stories and other sources to show that they know and understand key features of events. They should understand some of the ways in which we find out about the past and identify different ways in which it is represented.

In planning to ensure the progression described above through teaching about the people, events and changes outlined below, teachers are often introducing pupils to historical periods that they will study more fully at key stages 2 and 3.

Pupils should be taught about:

- changes within living memory. Where appropriate, these should be used to reveal aspects of change in national life
- events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally [for example, the Great Fire of London, the first aeroplane flight or events commemorated through festivals or anniversaries]
- the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. Some should be used to compare aspects of life in different periods [for example, Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria, Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong, William Caxton and Tim Berners-Lee, Pieter Bruegel the Elder and LS Lowry, Rosa Parks and Emily Davison, Mary Seacole and/or Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell] significant historical events, people and places in their own locality.

KS2

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 about:

British History

Changes in Britain from	The Roman Empire and	Britain's settlement by	The Viking and Anglo-	A local history study	A study of an aspect or
the Stone Age to the	its impact on Britain	Anglo-Saxons and Scots.	Saxon struggle for the		theme in British
Iron Age			Kingdom of England to		history that extends
			the time of Edward the		pupils' chronological
			Confessor		knowledge beyond
					1066
Examples(non-statutory)	Examples(non-statutory)	Examples(non-statutory)	Examples (non-	Examples (non-	Examples (non-
This could include:	This could include:	This could include:	statutory) This could	statutory) This could	statutory) This could
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 Late Neolithic hunter-gatherers and early farmers, for example, Skara Brae Bronze Age religion, technology and travel, for example, Stonehenge Iron Age hill forts: tribal kingdoms, farming, art and culture 	 Julius Caesar's attempted invasion in 55-54 BC the Roman Empire by AD 42 and the power of its army successful invasion by Claudius and conquest, including Hadrian's Wall British resistance, for example, Boudica 'Romanisation' of Britain: sites such as Caerwent and the impact of technology, 	 Roman withdrawal from Britain in c. AD 410 and the fall of the western Roman Empire Scots invasions from Ireland to north Britain (now Scotland) Anglo-Saxon invasions, settlements and kingdoms: place names and village life Anglo-Saxon art and culture Christian conversion – Canterbury, Iona and Lindisfarne 	 Viking raids and invasion resistance by Alfred the Great and Athelstan, first king of England further Viking invasions and Danegeld Anglo-Saxon laws and justice Edward the Confessor and his death in 1066 	1. a depth study linked to one of the British areas of study listed above 2. a study over time tracing how several aspects of national history are reflected in the locality (this can go beyond 1066) 3. a study of an aspect of history or a site dating from a period beyond 1066 that is significant in the locality.	1. The changing power of monarchs using case studies such as John, Anne and Victoria

	culture and beliefs, including early Christianity				example, the first railways or the Battle of Britain
		Non British	 History		
The achievements of the earliest civilizations – an		Ancient Greece – a study of Greek life and		A non-European society that provides contrasts	
overview of where and when the first		achievements and their influence on the western		with British history – one study chosen	
civilizations appeared and a depth study of one of		world		from: early Islamic civilization, including a	
the following: Ancient Sumer; The				study of Baghdad c. AD 900; Mayan	
Indus Valley; Ancient Egypt; The Shang Dynasty of				civilization c. AD 900; Benin (West Africa) c. AD	
Ancient China				900-1300.	

History Intention Statement

At Brookside Academy, we aim to give our children a high-quality history education which helps them gain a coherent knowledge and understanding of Britain's past and that of the wider world. We nurture children's curiosity to know more about what came before and how it has shaped our present.

Brookside is surrounded by a rich local history which spans across Bronze age settlements, the kingdom of Wessex, the dissolution of the monasteries and close ties with the Clarks family, which we are able to explore across all key stages.

We give our children the foundations to understand the chronology of each topic along with the bias that different sources may contain so that they are able to analyse and better understand that there is more than one side to every story. Through their historical learning, children will learn the skills needed to critique and form personal opinions based on fact. By investigating social history, children have the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding and empathy of different cultures and societies to contrast with their own.

At Brookside Academy, we strive to bring the topics to life through multi-curriculum activities such as designing a modern Anderson shelter inspired by WW2 and raiding other classrooms as marauding Vikings.

Year 1					
	Vocabulary				
	And Knowledge				
Topics covered:					
Chronological understanding	 I understand basic chronological order. I understand the difference between things that happened in the past and in the present. I use appropriate vocabulary: old, new, young, days, months, now, yesterday, last week, when I was younger, a long time ago. 	Now Yesterday Last week			
Historical Enquiry	 Understand how certain toys have changed over time. Understand how the construction and make up of buildings has changed over time. Begin to understand how different events in the past impact upon the present. 	Today Tomorrow			
Historical Interpretation	Identify ways in which the past is represented.	Days Months			
Knowledge and Understanding of events,	 I can discuss people of historical relevance to our period of interest. I can discuss key events in our historical period of interest. I will study key changes in our historical period of interest. 	Years Younger Older			
people and changes in the past		Old New			