

The Eliot Bank and Gordonbrock Schools Federation



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HISTORY CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Progression of knowledge and skills

	Knowledge and skills
Reception	Understanding the world involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community. The frequency and range of children's personal experiences increases their knowledge and sense of the world around them – from visiting parks, libraries and museums to meeting important members of society such as police officers, nurses and firefighters. In addition, listening to a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems will foster their understanding of our culturally, socially, technologically and ecologically diverse world. As well as building important knowledge, this extends their familiarity with words that support understanding across domains. Enriching and widening children's vocabulary will support later reading comprehension.
	 To comment on images of familiar situations in the past To compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past To talk about the live of the people around me and their roles in society [ELG] To know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class [ELG] To understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling [ELG]
	[Bold indicates ELG.]

	Knowledge	Skills
Year 1	 Are toys of today better than the toys of the past? Why / Why not? To describe the characteristics of old and new toys. To identify the similarities and differences between old toys and new toys. To know about the toys my parents/ carers and grandparents played with. To say whether a toy is old or new and why. To talk about a toy inventor and describe ways life was different when they lived. 	 Are toys of today better than the toys of the past? Why / Why not? To sort toys into chronological order and use relevant time language to give reasons and describe this To look at toys from the past and ask relevant questions for example, 'what were they used for?' To listen to stories to help me find out about the past To look at different sources to find out about toys then and now
	 How was your grandparents' childhood home different from yours? To find out about homes from the past To identify the key features of homes built a long time ago To identify the differences between two homes built at different times To identify and describe what some household objects from the past were used for and say why I think this To identify the different types of homes in my local area To describe the common external features of the local area To know that there are different types of homes in different areas (e.g. cottages in rural areas) To explain why people did things in the past. (e.g. use a dolly and not a washing machine) 	 How was your grandparents' childhood home different from yours? To place homes in chronological order and explain why To ask and answer questions about old and new homes To look closely at household objects and pictures from the past and ask, 'what were they used for?' and try to answer To use words and phrases such as: now, a long time ago, before I was born, when my parents/grandparents were young To look at different sources to find out about homes then and now
Year 2	 Why wouldn't the Great Fire of London happen again? To know when and how the Great Fire of London started, spread and 	 Why wouldn't the Great Fire of London happen again? To identify places linked to the Great Fire on a map and use a map to

	 ended To describe the impact of the Great Fire To give some reasons why there hasn't been a similar fire in London since To explain why Samuel Pepys is important Who likes to be beside the seaside? To describe what a holiday would have been like at different times in the past. Elements to include: entertainment, travel, clothing, food To use information I have found out about the past to describe similarities and differences in holidays in the past and now 	 retell events To use a map to identify differences London now and then To order the events of the Great Fire of London To place the Great Fire of London on a timeline To use appropriate language associated with the passing of time To identify different ways in which the past is represented (e.g. diaries, paintings) and ask questions about these To talk about the effectiveness of sources and how reliable they are To find out about the Great Fire of London using different sources (e.g. paintings, stories, eye witness accounts, artefacts, visits) Who likes to be beside the seaside? To use aerial photographs to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features of an area and to compare different locations To record observations about the physical features of the seaside. To sequence photos from different periods To suggest different ways to find out about holidays in the past
Year 3	 Do I have to go? To identify changes that happened to my local area as a result of WWII. To describe the impact of WWII on daily life in my local area. To find out about everyday lives of people during this period and compare my own life. To give reasons for evacuations and understand why people had to do it. To know about some of the significant individuals during this period (Churchill, Hitler) 	 To collect information about the past by asking questions of people who were alive before me and from objects and pictures Do I have to go? To use a range of maps and aerial photographs (London, local area, street level) to help identify differences between the local area now and the local area at the time of World War II. To sequence the events of WWII. To place WWII on a timeline of other events I have studied (great fire of London, Victorians). To remember some key dates. To use a range of sources to find out about the period I am studying. To use different sources to ask and answer questions.
	• To know where and when the earliest civilisations appeared	• To describe the main physical features of Egypt and compare then to

	 (including Ancient Sumer, Indus Valley, Ancient Egypt, Shang Dynasty) To describe features of everyday life in Ancient Egypt and compare them with my life To describe some Ancient Egyptian beliefs To know why and how the pyramids were built To give reasons why the Nile was important in Ancient Egypt To describe some of the developments that happened during this civilisation and find out about the impact they had on the future To know about some significant individuals in this period (Cleopatra, Tutankhamun etc.) 	 the UK To recognise that the past can be divided into periods, eg ancient, modern, BC, AD To understand that archaeologists have helped us find out more about the past To identify and give reasons for different ways in which the past is represented To look at a range of different sources and evaluate their usefulness
Year 4	 What did the Romans do for us? To use evidence to describe and compare the houses and settlements of Celtic tribes and Romans in Britain To use evidence to describe and compare the culture and leisure activities of the Celts and Romans To use evidence to describe and compare the clothes, way of life of the Celts and Romans To compare the lives of the people then to now To identify key events (Boudicca) and offer explanations. To describe how some of the things I have studied from the past affect life today 	 What did the Romans do for us? To explain why the Celts settled where they did because of the physical features and natural resources in those areas To find out about the Celts and Romans using different sources (e.g. artefacts, photos, artist impressions) To use evidence to build up a picture of a past event To select and combine information from a range of sources (e.g. archive materials, the Internet, pictures, artefacts, visits to museums) to answer specific questions To use evidence to build up a picture of a past event To use evidence to build up a picture of a past event
	 What really is so great about the Greeks? To describe elements of everyday life in Ancient Greece (clothes, food, entertainment, travel etc.) To give reasons why there are similarities and differences between life in Ancient Greece and life today. To describe several differences between life in different city states. To describe some Ancient Greek beliefs. To describe several ways that the Ancient Greeks influence life today and give reasons for this. (democracy, Olympics) 	 What really is so great about the Greeks? To use a timeline to place Ancient Greeks and understand that this happened BC and AD. To use words and phrases to describe the passage of time, including BC, AD, ancient, modern. To describe the main changes in a period in history. (Using words such as 'social', 'religious', 'political', 'technological' and 'cultural'.) To look at two versions of the same event in history and identify differences in the accounts

	• To give my own reasons why changes occurred in Ancient Greece, backed up by evidence I have researched.	
Year 5	 How did the Anglo Saxons and Vikings impact Britain? To use evidence from a variety of sources, including archaeology, to describe and compare the lives of different people (men and woman, rich and poor) in this period. (houses and settlements, culture and leisure activities, clothes, food, law and order) To compare and aspect of life with the same aspect in another period (our own and periods previously studied) To describe how some of the things I have studied from the past affect life in Britain today 	 How did the Anglo Saxons and Vikings impact Britain? To use a timeline to place The Vikings and Saxons and the previous periods learned about To make comparisons between different times in history To begin to identify primary and secondary sources To use a range of different evidence to build up a picture of life in the periods studied To use documents, printed sources (e.g. archive materials) the Internet, databases, pictures, photographs, music, artefacts, historic buildings, visits to museums and galleries and visits to sites to collect evidence about the past
	 What was so marvellous about the Maya? To discover facts about the Maya civilisation and explain who the Maya people were To locate where the Ancient Maya lived and their cities To explain the religious beliefs of the Maya people, understand how they worshipped, name some of the main gods and know what they represented to the people To describe a range of foods that were eaten by the ancient Maya people and explain why certain foods were particularly significant To understand how the Maya number system works and compare it to our own. To explain what the Mayan writing system consists of, how words are constructed and what codices are To identify and use a range of evidence sources to help me understand more about the Maya civilisation.(Frederick Catherwood drawings, Chichen Itza) 	 What was so marvellous about the Maya? To use a timeline to place the Ancient Maya and the previous periods learned about To use words and phrases such as century, decade, before Christ, after, before, during to describe the passing of time To understand the role of archaeologists in finding out about the past To look at two versions of the same event in history and identify differences in the accounts To give reasons why there may be different accounts of history To use maps to locate the places where the ancient Maya lived

	• To describe similarities and differences between the Ancient Maya civilization and our society today	
Year 6	 Who should have the power and why? To name several important British monarchs and give reasons why they are significant To give reasons why changes may have occurred to the monarchy, backed up by evidence I have researched To explain ways that different monarchs influenced the lives of people in Britain To describe similarities and differences between some monarchs and events during their reigns To describe how some of the things I have studied from the past affect life today What were the changes from the Stone Age to the Iron Age? To know where the Stone Age gets its name To know which tools were crucial to the survival of early man To know how tools changed during the Stone Age to make hunting more successful To explain the different challenges of survival for early man To explain the different challenges of survival for early man 	 Who should have the power and why? To describe the main changes in a period in history. (Using words such as 'Social', 'religious', 'political', 'technological' and 'cultural'.) To place the Tudor period on a timeline of British history and place it with other periods I studied To recall dates from key periods and events To identify connections, contrasts and trends over time To recognise primary and secondary sources To suggest how to find out about the past To suggest how to find out about the past and bring several sources together in one account What were the changes from the Stone Age to the Iron Age? To link sources to make inferences and deductions To consider ways of checking the accuracy of interpretations-fact or fiction and opinion To know that different evidence will lead to different conclusions
	 To explain now nomes changed from the stone Age to the from Age To understand the changes to how people lived during the different periods of the stone age and how technology helped them to settle 	