St Philips KS2 History Skills/Knowledge Progression Map



Historical Knowledge: Constructing the past	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Develop knowledge and understanding of British, local and world history. Establish clear narratives within and across the periods they study. Understand overview and depth.	Can identify some details from within and across several themes, societies, events and significant people covered in local, national and global history, e.g. using knowledge gained from their study of the Stone Age, identifying three of the main achievements of the people in the Neolithic period, and perhaps providing some reasons for their selection.	Can identify a range of details from within and across local, national and global history, to demonstrate some overall awareness of themes, societies, events and people, e.g. using knowledge gained in their study of Ancient Egypt, identifying three or more of the main achievements of the Ancient Egyptians and providing some valid detailed reasons for their selections. Will begin to make some reference to other societies, but their reasoning may be undeveloped.	Can understand some features associated with themes, societies, people and events, e.g. use knowledge gained to demonstrate an understanding of aspects of the life within the Viking period, such as religion and food, but without links and grouping them into themes, e.g. social, cultural. Will be able to make some reference to and identify links with other societies studied, e.g. The Anglo-Saxons.	Can provide overviews of the most significant features of different themes, individuals, societies and events covered, e.g. can use knowledge gained to give an overview of the main features of the Maya civilisation. Will begin to make links and group them into themes, e.g. social, cultural. Will be able to make links with themes in other societies studied, e.g. The Ancient Egyptians.

Historical Knowledge:	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Sequencing the past				
Develop chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British, local and world history.	Can sequence a number of the most significant events, objects, themes, societies, periods and people in LKS2 topics studied including some dates, labels and period names and terms, e.g. grouping a range of images related to the Bronze to Iron Age into the correct time	Can accurately sequence the key events, objects, themes, societies, periods and people within and across topics confidently using key dates and terms, e.g. they can accurately construct a timeline of Roman Britain and with some accuracy link this with a timeline of the	Will sequence, with some independence and increasing accuracy, many of the significant events, societies and people within and across topics covered using appropriate dates, period labels and terms, e.g. place many of the important developments,	1 ' '
	periods.	Bronze to Iron Age (or other	people and events in the	

	have chosen this time period for most of the images.	studied). Provide detailed valid reasons why they have sequenced the events/objects in this way.	annotated timeline. Will be able to make some links between this sequence to the events and people within other time periods studied.	labels and dates. Can accurately identify links between this sequence and the events of other periods studied.
History Concepts: Change and Development/Similarity and Difference	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Address and devise historically valid questions about change, similarity and difference. Note connections, contrasts and trends over time.	Can make valid statements about the main similarities, differences and changes occurring within topics, e.g. the pupil can describe a range of the key changes between the Old and New Stone Ages. Can see links between changes, and begin to identify types of change. Will demonstrate an awareness of the significance of change and its impact. "	Can explain why certain changes and developments were of particular significance within topics and across time periods. Can provide a comprehensive list of the changes of Crime and Punishment within the period studied. Will identify links between the changes. Will provide a clear rationale for why one change could be considered to be more important than others. May provide insightful ideas about whether some things did not change very much within a period and why.	Can independently and confidently provide a comprehensive list of the changes within the period studied. Can independently provide valid reasons why some changes and developments were of particular importance within the particular UKS2 topic, e.g. decide why one or more changes in the Anglo-Saxon period is of particular importance. Will identify a range of links between the various changes. Can provide insightful ideas about whether some things did not change very much within a period and why this occurred.	Can compare similarities, differences and changes within and across topics, e.g. in terms of importance, progress or the type and nature of the change, e.g. provide some similarities and differences affecting differing locations within the world wars. Will confidently identify a range of links between the various changes, e.g. the change in women's roles during the war with changes in women's rights. Will begin to understand and explain how some of the changes were exceptional or commonplace, e.g. as part of the impact of the war on their locality.

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History Concepts: Cause and Effect	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Address and devise historically valid questions about cause.	Can describe some relevant causes for, and effects of, some of the key events and developments covered, e.g. reasons why changes took place during the Neolithic period. Will demonstrate an understanding that some of the causes and/or effects are of particular importance, e.g. why the changes took place in the Neolithic period.	within the topics studied, e.g. the reasons for the changes in	Can explain the role of different causes and effects of a range of events and developments, e.g. can list a range of valid reasons why the Vikings left Scandinavia and chose to settle in Britain. Can place the causes and/or effects in an order of significance and explain why they are arranged in this order, e.g. the reasons why the Vikings left Scandinavia and chose to settle in Britain. Can make a link between the causes or effects of events within one period with those of another, e.g. events in the Viking periods studied, such as why the Romans or the Anglo-Saxons chose to settle in Britain.	comprehensive list of valid detailed reasons why events took place and the effects of

History Concepts: Significance and Interpretations	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Address and devise historically valid questions about significance.	Can select what is most significant in a historical account, related to a person's life, a key event or a theme, e.g. which buildings are of particular significance within their locality. Can give a valid reason why they have selected a particular aspect as being most significant in a historical account, related to a person's life, a key event or a theme, e.g. the reasons why particular buildings are of significance within their locality.	Can confidently select what is most significant in a historical account, related to a person's life, a key event or a theme, e.g. a development made by the Romans. Can give a number of valid reasons why they have selected a particular aspect as being most significant in a historical account, related to a person's life, a key event or a theme and why others are less important. Will begin to understand that some things will have long or short-term significance e.g. the developments introduced by the Romans and their relevance today.	Can confidently select what is most significant in a historical account, related to a person's life, a key event or a theme, e.g the developments made by the Anglo-Saxons. Can give a range of valid reasons why they have selected a particular aspect as being most significant in a historical account, related to a person's life, a key event or a theme and why others are less important. Will understand that some will have long-term significance and others only short-term significance, e.g. the spread of Christianity.	Can confidently explain the reasons why particular aspects of a historical event, development, society or person were of particular significance, e.g. they will describe and then critically evaluate the significance of various achievements made by the Ancient Greeks. Can introduce a hierarchy of importance and explain while some aspects continue to be relevant, others may be dismissed as no longer being relevant and not having long term significance, e.g. within the achievements made by the Ancient Greeks the significant impact of establishing democracy and its importance in society today.
Understand how and why different interpretations of the past have been constructed.	Can identify a number of ways in which two versions of the same account may differ. Can provide a reason why the two accounts of the same event might differ, e.g. in the story of the Amesbury Archer. Can identify a number of ways in which the interpretations are the same and also different.	Can identify a range of ways in which two or more accounts of the same event differ. Can comment on a range of possible reasons for the differences in a number of accounts, e.g. the pupil can identify a range of ways in which the accounts by Dio Cassius and Tacitus are the same and also different in	Can confidently identify the ways in which interpretations of the same event or person can differ, e.g. can identify a number of differences in the interpretations presented about the Windrush journey. Can explain why there may be differing interpretations and will make reference to the differing types of representation.	Can confidently and independently identify the different interpretations in a range of topics e.g. explain ways in which the different interpretations about Athenian society or about the Olympic Games differ. Can give a range of valid reasons for the different interpretations in a range of topics, e.g. explain why there

Can provide a reason why the sources may differ, but this is undeveloped.	their description of the battle and of Boudicca.	Can also understand why there may be some similarities in the interpretations.	society or about the Olympic Games. Demonstrate insight into why some aspects of the interpretation may be the same.
			Will make reference to the
			differing types of
			representation.

Historical Enquiry: Planning and Carrying out a Historical Enquiry	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation. Develop appropriate use of historical terms.	Can independently devise a range of historically valid questions for a series of different types of enquiry. Will answer them with detailed structured responses making reference to specific sources of evidence related to 'Why should we preserve our locality?'. Will use a range of relevant historical terms.	Can independently devise significant historical enquiries based on a range of valid questions, e.g. related to 'What happened when the Romans came to Britain?'. Can answer the questions in some detail using a range of relevant and varied sources to support points made. Work will be clearly structured with contrasting viewpoints considered. Use a broad range of relevant historical terms. Will work independently and with confidence.	Can confidently and independently devise significant historical enquiries based on a broad range of valid questions, e.g related to 'Was the Anglo-Saxon period really a Dark Age?'. Can answer the questions in detail using a broad range of relevant and varied sources to support points made. Work is clearly structured with contrasting viewpoints considered. Will use the evidence to reach a valid and substantiated overall conclusion. Will use a broad range of relevant historical terms throughout. Will follow a clear structure appropriate for presenting an	responses to a wide range of historical enquiries. Will make reference to appropriate evidence from a wide range of complex, varied sources studied within the sessions and also from their own research to produce a structured argument to answer the sub-question and build towards reaching an overall conclusion.

	argument. Will work independently and with confidence. Will begin to critically evaluate their enquiry and consider possible ways in which it could	range of challenging, relevant historical terms throughout. Will critically evaluate their enquiry and consider ways in which it could be improved or developed.
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Historical Enquiry: Using Sources as Evidence	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.	Can understand how sources can be used to answer a range of historical questions, e.g. 'Do you think the Bronze and Iron Ages were dangerous times to live?' Is aware that some sources may be more useful than others in answering certain historical questions.	Can recognise possible uses of a range of sources for answering historical enquiries, e.g. the pupil can use a range of sources to compile a detailed description of what Dick Turpin was like. Can use the sources to compile a detailed description of what Dick Turpin was like. Turpin was like. Demonstrate an understanding that some sources may be more useful than others by commenting on the importance of some of the sources.	From a range of sources provided, accept and reject sources based on valid criteria when carrying out particular enquiries, e.g. 'How useful is written evidence in finding out about the Anglo-Saxons?' Can explain why they have made that selection, possibly with some references to utility and reliability.	Can comment with confidence on the value of a range of different types of sources for enquiries, including extended enquiries, e.g. can select and reject appropriate sources to exemplify the impact of the wars from those studied within the unit. Will explain confidently why they have made that selection, referring to both utility and reliability and considering the purpose, audience, accuracy and how the source was compiled.

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