

Lostwithiel Primary School History Curriculum

We have divided the curriculum into three strands: British, world and local history. Within these strands, smaller sub-strands emerge, such as transport, trade, explorers and ancient civilisations. Our 'Big Questions' allow teachers to frame narratives and focus the learning within the unit of work. These overarching questions have multidimensional answers that require a breadth of knowledge to answer comprehensively. Asking and subsequently answering these bite-sized questions allows children to feel a sense of progression as they chip away at the larger, overarching question.

Year 1 Overarching Class Topic	Autumn My World and Where I live	Spring The World of Work	Summer Keeping Healthy
Historical 'Big Question'	'Why is our Tudor Bridge important? (Local)	Who was to blame and who helped in The Great Fire of London? (British)	Who is Greta Thunberg? (World)
Knowledge	To develop an awareness of the past, using common words and phrases relating to the passing of time.	To develop an awareness of the past.	To develop an awareness of the past, using common words relating to the passing of time.
	To ask and answer questions, choosing and using parts of stories	To ask and answer questions.	To ask and answer questions.
	to show that they know and understand key features of events.	To study events beyond living memory that are significant nationally for example, the Great Fire of London.	To study the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements for
	To identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods.		example Greta Thunberg They should know where the people they study fit within a chronological framework.
	To study places in their own locality.		



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	To recognise some similarities and differences between the past and the present. To understand some of the ways in which we find out about the past. Books/internet/Museums/local knowledge/People/Places. To know and organise where the events they study fit within a chronological framework.	To sequence artefacts and events that are close together in time; To sequence pictures from different periods. To describe memories and changes that have happened in their own lives. To observe and use pictures, photographs and artefacts to find out about the past; To talk, write and draw about things from the past. To understand some of the ways in which we find out about the past. Books/internet.	To use historical vocabulary to retell simple stories about the past; use drama/role play to communicate their knowledge about the past. To describe significant individuals from the past. To know and organise where the events they study fit within a chronological framework.
	To use a wide vocabulary of everyday historical terms: History, old, new, earliest, latest, past, present, future, Museum, exhibition, heritage, century, new, newest, old, oldest, modern, before, after to show the passing of time. Related vocabulary - stannary, tin, Duchy Castle, Restormel, mining, town, River Fowey.	To use a wide vocabulary of everyday historical terms: History, old, new, earliest, latest, past, present, future, new, newest, old, oldest, before, after to show the passing of time. Related vocabulary - monument, thatched, London, Pudding Lane, King Charles II.	To use a wide vocabulary of everyday historical terms: History, old, new, earliest, latest, past, present, future, century, new, newest, old, oldest, modern, before, after to show the passing of time. Related vocabulary - Global warming, Climate Change, Sea level, Stockholm, Sweden.



Year 2 Overarching Class Topic -	Autumn		Spring		Summer
	Where does my food come from?	Virtual Zoo	Water - life giver?	Water- life taker?	Planes, Trains and automobiles?
Historical 'Big Question'	Bri	arrots come to tain?' itain)	1	olumbus: Hero or ? (World)	'How has transport changed Lostwithiel?' (Local)
Knowledge	To develop an aw past, using comm phrases relating time. To know where tevents they stuck chronological from the past, using comm phrases relating time. To ask and answer choosing and using and other source they know and unfeatures of ever	vareness of the non words and to the passing of the people and dy fit within a namework. vareness of the non words and to the passing of the passing parts of stories to show that naderstand key note.	in different per To use a wide veryday histor To ask and answerthoosing and us	dy fit within a ramework and ities and tween ways of life riods. cabulary of rical terms. ver questions, ing parts of stories are to show that understand key	To study places in their own locality. To identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods. To know where the people and events they study fit within a chronological framework. To develop an awareness of the past, using common words and phrases relating to the passing of time.



	and identify different ways in which it is represented.		
Skills	To sequence artefacts and events that are close together in time; To order dates from earliest to latest on simple timelines. To sequence pictures from different periods. To describe memories and changes that have happened in their own lives. To observe or handle evidence to ask simple questions about the past. To use words and phrases such as: old, new, earliest, latest, past, present, future, century, new, newest, old, oldest, modern, before, after to show the passing of time.	To start to compare two versions of a past event. To observe or handle evidence to find answers to simple questions about the past on the basis of simple observations. To choose and select evidence and say how it can be used to find out about the past. To identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods. To understand that there are reasons why people in the past acted as they did.	To start to use stories or accounts to distinguish between fact and fiction; explain that there are different types of evidence and sources that can be used to help represent the past. To know and recount episodes from stories and significant events in history.
Vocabulary	To use a wide vocabulary of everyday historical terms: History, timeline, memories, old, new, earliest, latest, past, present, future, new, newest, old, oldest, before, after to show the passing of time.	To use a wide vocabulary of everyday historical terms: History, timeline, memories, sequence, evidence, sources, time periods, old, new, earliest, latest, past, present, future, new, newest, old, oldest, before, after to show the passing of time.	To use a wide vocabulary of everyday historical terms: History, timeline, memories, sequence, time periods, old, new, earliest, latest, past, present, future, new, newest, old, oldest, before, after to show the passing



		of time, monarch, parliament,
		government, war, remembrance.

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 3 Overarching Class Topic	The Stone Age	Extreme Earth	Ancient Egypt
Historical 'Big Question'	What was new about the New Stone Age (and how do we know?) (Britain)	'Why was Mining important in Cornwall?' (Local)	Should the ancient Egyptians been proud of their pyramids? (World)
Knowledge	To continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British history.	To continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of local history. To regularly address and	To continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of world history.
	To note trends over time and develop the appropriate use of historical terms.	sometimes devise historically valid questions about significance. To understand how our knowledge	To understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.
	To understand some of the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. To include Late Neolithic hunter-gatherers and early farmers, Skara Brae.	of the past is constructed from a range of sources. To study a local history aspect or a site dating from a period beyond	To study the achievements of the earliest civilizations - an overview of where and when the first civilizations appeared and a d depth study of Ancient Egypt.



	Bronze Age religion, technology and travel, Stonehenge. Iron Age hill forts: tribal kingdoms, farming, art and culture.	1066 that is significant in the locality - Mining in Cornwall.	
Skills	Continue to develop chronologically secure knowledge of history	Continue to develop chronologically secure knowledge of history	Continue to develop chronologically secure knowledge of history
	Note trends over time. Develop the appropriate use of historical terms Construct informed responses by selecting and organising relevant historical information	Regularly address and sometimes devise historically valid questions Understand how knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources Construct informed responses by selecting and organising relevant historical information	Understand how knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources Construct informed responses by selecting and organising relevant historical information Understand that different versions of the past may exist, giving some reasons for this.
Vocabulary	chronology, sequence, timeline, The Stone Age, Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, Pre-history, Artefacts, Throwing stones, Spears, Cave paintings, Skara Brae, Hammer Stone, Hand Axe, Stonehenge, Flint.	ancient, modern, century, decade, effect, society, economy, landscape, significance, sources, artefacts, interpretation, historian evidence, lithium, engine house, emigration, technological innovation, stannary town, museum collection.	effect, society, economy, landscape, significance, sources, artefacts, interpretation, historian, Egyptologist, papyrus, pharaoh, afterlife, mummification, symbol, hieroglyphics.



	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 4 Overarching Class Topic - Cycle A	Ancient Greece	Romans	Anglo-Saxons
Historical 'Big Question'	What can we thank the Ancient Greeks for today? (World)	What have the Romans done for us? (Britain)	Was Alfred Great? (Local)
Year 4 Overarching Class Topic - Cycle B	Mayans	Vikings	Not a focus
Historical 'Big Question'	4,000 years ago - were the Mayans top of the class? (World)	The Vikings: ruthless killers or peaceful settles? (Britain)	
Knowledge	To continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of world history, establishing narratives within and across the periods they study.	To continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British and world history, establishing narratives within and across the periods they study.	To continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British and world history, establishing narratives within and across the periods they study.
	To note connections, contrasts and trends over time and develop the appropriate use of historical terms.	To note connections, contrasts and trends over time and develop the appropriate use of historical terms.	To 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 similarity and difference, and significance.	They should regularly address and sometimes devise historically valid questions similarity and difference, and significance.	They should regularly address and sometimes devise historically valid questions similarity and difference, and significance.



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	They should understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.	They should construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation of relevant historical information.	They should construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation of relevant historical information.
Skills	Continue to develop chronologically secure knowledge of history	Continue to develop chronologically secure knowledge of history	Continue to develop chronologically secure knowledge of history
	Establish narratives within and across periods studied	Establish narratives within and across periods studied	Establish narratives within and across periods studied
	Note connections, contrasts and trends over time	Note connections, contrasts and trends over time	Note connections, contrasts and trends over time
	Develop the appropriate use of historical terms	Regularly address and sometimes devise historically valid questions	Regularly address and sometimes devise historically valid questions
	Regularly address and sometimes devise historically valid questions	Construct informed responses by selecting and organising relevant historical information	Construct informed responses by selecting and organising relevant historical information
	Understand how knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources	Understand that different versions of the past may exist, giving some reasons for this	Understand that different versions of the past may exist, giving some reasons for this
Vocabulary	Archaeologists ,Codex - The Mayan Book Creation, myth , Hieroglyphics, Stelae Stones, Acropolis, Assembly, Democracy, Oligarchy, Olympics, Titans , Tyrant.	invasion, tribe, empire, settlement, raids, resistance, conquest, democracy, civilisation, ancient, expansion, philosophy, architecture, culture.	invasion, tribe, empire, settlement, raids, resistance, conquest.



Year 5	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Overarching Class Topic - Cycle A	Ancient Greece	Romans	Anglo-Saxons
Historical 'Big Question'	What can we thank the Ancient Greeks for today? (World)	What have the Romans done for us? (Britain)	Was Alfred Great? (Local)
Overarching Class Topic - Cycle B	Mayans	Vikings	Not a focus
Historical 'Big Question'	4,000 years ago - were the Mayans top of the class? (World)	The Vikings: ruthless killers or peaceful settles? (Britain)	
Knowledge	To continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of world history, establishing clear narratives within and across the periods they study. To note connections, contrasts and trends over time and develop the appropriate use of historical terms.	To continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British and world history, establishing clear narratives within and across the periods they study. To note connections, contrasts and trends over time and develop the appropriate use of historical terms.	To continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British and world history, establishing clear narratives within and across the periods they study. To note connections, contrasts and trends over time and develop the appropriate use of historical terms.



	They should regularly address and	They should regularly address and	They should regularly address and
	sometimes devise historically valid	sometimes devise historically valid	sometimes devise historically valid
	questions about similarity and	questions similarity and	questions similarity and
	difference, and significance.	difference, and significance.	difference, and significance.
	They should understand how our	They should construct informed	They should construct informed
	knowledge of the past is	responses that involve thoughtful	responses that involve thoughtful
	constructed from a range of	selection and organisation of	selection and organisation of
	sources.	relevant historical information.	relevant historical information.
Skills	Continue to develop chronologically	Continue to develop chronologically	Continue to develop chronologically
	secure knowledge of history	secure knowledge of history	secure knowledge of history
	Establish clear narratives within	Establish clear narratives within	Establish clear narratives within
	and across periods studied	and across periods studied	and across periods studied
	Note connections, contrasts and	Note connections, contrasts and	Note connections, contrasts and
	trends over time	trends over time	trends over time
	Develop the appropriate use of	Develop the appropriate use of	Develop the appropriate use of
	historical terms	historical terms	historical terms
	Regularly address and sometimes	Regularly address and sometimes	Regularly address and sometimes
	devise historically valid questions	devise historically valid questions	devise historically valid questions
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	Understand how knowledge of the	Understand how knowledge of the	Understand how knowledge of the
	past is constructed from a range	past is constructed from a range	past is constructed from a range
	of sources	of sources	of sources



	Construct informed responses by selecting and organising relevant historical information	Construct informed responses by selecting and organising relevant historical information	Construct informed responses by selecting and organising relevant historical information
	Understand that different versions of the past may exist, giving some reasons for this.	Understand that different versions of the past may exist, giving some reasons for this.	Understand that different versions of the past may exist, giving some reasons for this.
Vocabulary	Archaeologists ,Codex - The Mayan Book Creation, myth , Hieroglyphics, Stelae Stones, Acropolis, Assembly, Democracy, Oligarchy, Olympics, Titans , Tyrant.	invasion, tribe, empire, settlement, raids, resistance, conquest, democracy, civilisation, ancient, expansion, philosophy, architecture, culture.	invasion, tribe, empire, settlement, raids, resistance, conquest.

Year 6	Au	tumn	Spring	Summer	
Overarching Class Topic -	Crime and	World War 2	Not a focus	Tudors	
Cycle A	Punishment				
Historical 'Big Question'	Did the punis	hment suit the		"To be or not	
	crime or the cr	riminal throughout		to be":	
	British	History?		What job would	
	Dunkirk: A big	success or fake		you choose in	
	ne	ews?		Tudor England?	
	(World)			(Britain)	



Overarching Class Topic - Cycle B	Monarchs	Battle of Britain	Not a focus	
Historical 'Big Question'	was the b "Never in the conflict was so many to so fe	Royal Talent: Who est monarch? e field of human much owed by so w". Was Churchill ight?		"a name perpetual and a fame permanent and immortal" What made a Cornishman say this in 1497? (Local)
Knowledge	right? (Britain) To study an aspect or theme in British History that extends pupils chronological knowledge beyond 1066 - the changing power of monarchs using case studies/changes in an aspect of social history/a significant turning point British history. To continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British history establishing clear narratives within and across the periods they study. To note connections, contrasts and trends over time and develop the appropriate use of historical terms. To regularly address and sometimes devise historically valid questions about change, cause,			To study an aspect or theme of British history that consolidates and extends pupils' chronological knowledge from before 1066. To study over time tracing how several aspects of national history are reflected in the locality. To study the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain.



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	similarity and difference, and	
	significance.	
	To construct informed responses	
	that involve thoughtful selection	
	and organisation of relevant	
	historical information.	
	To understand how our knowledge	
	of the past is constructed from a	
	range of sources.	
Skills	Extend and deepen their	Extend and deepen their
	chronologically secure knowledge	chronologically secure knowledge
	of history for further learning	of history for further learning
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	Establish clear narratives within	Establish clear narratives within
	and across periods studied	and across periods studied
	Note connections, contrasts and	Note connections, contrasts and
	trends over time	trends over time
	Develop the engagnists use of	Develop the engagnists use of
	Develop the appropriate use of historical terms	Develop the appropriate use of historical terms
	historical terms	nistorical terms
	Regularly address and sometimes	Regularly address and sometimes
	devise historically valid questions	devise historically valid questions
	Understand how knowledge of the	Understand how knowledge of the
	past is constructed from a range	past is constructed from a range
	of sources	of sources



	Construct informed responses by selecting and organising relevant historical information	Construct informed responses by selecting and organising relevant historical information
	Understand that different versions of the past may exist, giving some reasons for this.	Understand that different versions of the past may exist, giving some reasons for this.
Vocabulary	Alliance , Armistice, Conscription, Front Lin , The Great War , No Man's Land, Treaty, Trench.	Keystone, span, aqueduct, public bath, hypocaust, mosaic, settlement, villa, citizen, Emperor, Government, taxes.