## Year 6 History Curriculum Overview



## Historical skills used in Upper Key stage 2

| Explain what has been found out  | <b>??</b>    | Ask and answer questions                            |
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| Carry out Historical enquiry   | <b>○&gt;</b> | Sequence events<br>chronologically                  |
| Group, sort, compare and<br>contrast sources   |              | The facts I need to know<br>(Substantive knowledge) |
| Recognise and use primary<br>and secondary sources<br>(Primary photos, picture, diaries.<br>Secondary websites, textbooks) |              | Upper Key stage 2 History<br>skills                 |

#### **Autumn Term Spring Term Summer Term** Where we study the changes in British, local and world history, putting these events into chronological order and understanding the impact of people's ideas and beliefs. Ancient Greece a study of Greek life and their Study of an aspect or theme of British history Study of an aspect or theme of British history covering 2.000 years influence on the western world Battle of Britain 10th July -31st Oct 1940 Black and British 700-480BC Previous learning: Previous learning: Previous learning: Ancient Egyptians (year 3) Make reference to previous invasions of Britain Mary Seacole (year 1) Josiah Wedgwood and his involvement in abolishing the Ancient Mayans (year 5) Romans (year 3 & 4) (First order concept Monarchy and civilisation) slave trade in Britain (year 2) Vikings (year 5) Historical skills used: Historical skills used: History skills used: All Historical skills used All Historical skills used All historical skills used Topic key questions Topic key questions Topic key questions Immersion lesson -Immersion lesson -Immersion lesson - See separate plan Who were they? Where is Greece? When was this era? explain what a world war is, which countries wer involved - identify on map, this is the second WW - how Look at artefacts, collect facts, study maps. How shall we tell the story of the first black Britons long after the last one? What was the consequence of in history? What consequences did the geographical features of this war? Germany billed, discontent (links with year 5 Activity - Investigate the clues and findings of the first Black people in Romans times - how do we know? What Greece cause? learning) evidence? Chn generate questions and discussion. Activity - study physical features of Greece's landscapes. Consider the impact these had on Greece Why did Britain have to go to war? lesson. e.g separate states - due to mountains, islands Activity - investigate the sequence of events leading to the second World War. Role House of Commons debate What part did Black people start to play once they $\langle \mathbf{Q} \rangle$ for/against going to war. started to settle 500 year ago? What was every day Greek life like? Activity - Market place role play. Quickest finger first in groups list as many people as possible that met in Why was it necessary for children to be evacuated? Activity - chn to understand that between Roman times and up to 500 years ago, there weren't black people in the market place $\langle \mathbf{Q} \rangle$

Why was Athens able to stay so strong?

Activity - PPT how Athens went from a second-rate city

spider diagram. Sen can draw a picture of the reasons

to one of the most powerful. Pupils to record in a

instead. Consider if think Athens had enemies.

Activity - Children are encouraged to ask questions about the evacuation. Show the chn a photo - what can they see? What do they think is happening? What questions have they got about the photos?

Activity - Children are encouraged to ask questions and up to 500 years ago, there weren't black people in Britain. Consider why Black people started to settle and what roles/positions they held - use the clues. Consider context and don't jump to conclusions. Use some of clues to annotate in books.

#### Can I find evidence of a Greek legend?



Activity Children examine evidence that proves or disproves the legend of Theseus and the Minotaur, draw conclusions

# Why is ancient Athens so important that we still study it today?

Activity - Show video clip explaining the plans to rebuild it. Lesson focus' on Greek democracy. The chn will have role play cards and debate whether to rebuild it. What do we think about Greek democracy, do we use elements of this is Britain today? Also, created Olympics and theatres (and the yo-yo)

(extra lesson)

Can I carry out an in-depth study into the Battle of Marathon?

Activity - role play as Greek soldiers. PPT to show how that Athenians won the battle. Children to use priority cards to map out the reasons.

## How did Britain manage to stay strong during the war?



Activity - Chn annotate a cartoon which shows various reasons Britain stood firm. Each table then researches one aspect and feeds back to the class

How did Britain manage to carry on with everyday life and what evidence do we have?

Activity - look at the major role women played in taking over traditional male roles to keep the country running. Examine propaganda, photos, newspapers etc

Extra lesson - Why is the contribution of Black people fighting in WW2 only now just been properly recognised?

Activity - research the roles of black soldiers during the war. How were they treated? Why do we think that we now recognise their contribution?

## How did the slave trade impact Black people and what was Britain's role?

Activity - Britain's role in the trade. How slaves were treated. Chn split into groups and complete a case study of different peoples experience and feedback to the class. Use the clues, draw conclusions. Record and create QR code.

How did the arrival of Empire Windrush change the way Black people were treated in Britain?

Activity - Explain what the Windrush was. Role plan showing the experiences that the immigrants experienced. Discuss put on a spectrum/scale of 1-10 of the best/worst experiences.

How has life changed in Britain for black people over the last 60 years?

Activity - Children take event cards and move around the room putting them selves into chronological order and telling the rest of the class what event their card is. Extension - can you think of any arguments as to why life hasn't improved that much today?

#### Comparisons to then and now

#### Democracy Voting on government builds and spending Voting out corrupt politicians today parties at number 10 in lockdown

#### Comparison to then and now

Rationing - During the Covid pandemic 2020 some food and cleaning items were rationed or unavailable. Invasion - Russian invasion of the Ukraine.

#### Comparison to then and now

BLM - taking the knee at sport events, marches, Inequality continues today
Asian factory workers on extremely low pay and poor working conditions

#### **School artefacts**

Grecian dress, bracelets and head dress Greek helmet God of blacksmiths Minerva plaque Apollo plaque Trojan plaque Greek farmer Hippocrates plaque.

#### School artefacts

Churchill pack Ration books
War at sea pack Morse code kit
American pack Gas masks
Children's war pack
Union jack flag Replica newspapers
Anti-gas shields
Victoria cross
British coins ID Cards
Concentration ID tags

#### School artefacts

To be purchased

### Ofsted latest guidance of learning

TOPIC: Substantive Knowledge or first order concepts (The substance of the topic, facts and context. The aspects of the topic you will teach) For example: people, events, ideas

#### Topic knowledge

Pupils need a rich knowledge of the period, place, society,

(Who, where, when, what)

### Chronological knowledge

Pupils need a secure overview of major developments and periods to contextualise their new learning. Children can see where events or features of a period 'fit in'.

In KS2 learn secure narrative across and within periods. (Use of timelines to discuss and compare)

## Knowledge of substantive concepts

For example:

Monarchy, civilisation, parliament, democracy, tax,

TOPIC: Disciplinary knowledge or second order concepts (How historians learn about the past and form their arguments)

| Cause and consequence    | Change and continuity    | Historical significance  | Similarity and difference  | Sources and evidence     | Interpretations           |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| How historians construct | How historians construct | How historians attribute | How historians construct   | How historians use       | How historians construct  |
| arguments about causes   | arguments about the      | significance to past     | arguments about the        | evidence to answer       | the accounts of the past, |
| and consequences of      | nature, pace and extent  | events, people, deeming  | similarity and differences | questions about the past | including how and why     |
| events                   | of change in the past    | them worthy of study     | between places, people     |                          | these can differ          |
|                          |                          | and attention            | and groups in the past     |                          |                           |

## Key vocabulary for children

| Theatre         | Story telling art form based on acting on stages. Ancient Greek plays were Comedies or Tragedies. |
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| Masks           | Face masks worn by Greek actors to portray emotions and represent characters.                     |
| Hydria          | Greek water pot.  |
| Hoplite         | Heavily armoured Greek warrior.   |
| Phalanx         | Close fighting formation used by hoplites, where shields were used to protect each other.         |
| Parthenon       | Greek temple dedicated to the goddess Athena, the matron goddess of Athens.                       |
| Zeus            | King of the Greek gods. Was responsible for the sky, lightning, thunder and justice.              |
| Hera            | Queen of the Greek gods. Was responsible for women, marriage and childbirth.                      |
| Democracy       | Form of government where people vote to make decisions, or choose leaders.                        |
| Tuaiau          | Halland was deep haves would by the   |
| Trojan<br>Horse | Hollow, wooden horse used by the Greeks to trick the Trojans into opening the gates of Troy.      |
| Olympics        | World-wide sporting event that takes place every four years. Originally honoured Zeus.            |
| Minotaur        | Half-man, half-bull monster, fought by Theseus.   |

## Key vocabulary for children

| Appeasement      | The hope of avoiding war. Initially nothing was don't to stop Germany by the UK and France to prevent a war.  |
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| Invasion         | When a country uses force to take over another country  |
| Nazi             | Member of the fascist German political party  |
| Allies           | Countries which fought on the British side (USA, Russia, France)  |
| Axis             | Countries which fought on the<br>German side (Japan, Italy,<br>Russia 1939-1941)                              |
| Evacuees         | Someone moved from an area of danger to a safer place (normally from cities to countryside)                   |
| Rationing        | The controlled distribution of scarce substances (clothes and food e.g sugar)                                 |
| Blitz            | Series of aerial bombing raids<br>by the German air force over<br>British main cities (for<br>example London) |
| Luftwaffe        | The German air force  |
| Air raid shelter | A building to protect people from dropping bombs during raids   |
| Victory          | Success or triumph in a struggle  |

## Key vocabulary for children

| Caribbean              | Collection of islands off the coast of central and south America  |
|------------------------|---|
| Slavery                | People own other people. These owned people are called slaves and have to do everything they are told.          |
| Trade                  | Buying and selling of goods and services.   |
| Plantation             | Large farms or estates which grow crops, cotton, rubber to sell.  |
| HMT Empire<br>Windrush | Boat that sailed from Australia to England via the Caribbean, collecting passengers along the way - mostly men. |
| Commonwealth<br>Empire | 54 countries around the world who see the queen as their leader and work in equal partnership.                  |
| Equality               | Each person or group of people are given the same opportunity.  |
| Freedom                | To live happily and freely, allowed to say and do what you want to.   |
| Prejudice              | An opinion already formed without any reason or experience.   |
| Racism                 | Unfair treatment of people of a particular race by individuals or society to benefit them.                      |
| Civil rights           | To give equal right to a person regardless of colour, age, gender, religion, by governments ad those in charge. |

## Keys dates and events

| 776 BC     | First Olympic games  |
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| 600 BC     | First coins introduced   |
| 505 BC     | Athens introduces democracy                                    |
| 490 BC     | Battle of Marathon (Athens vs<br>Persia)                       |
| 431-404 BC | Peloponnesian wars between two sides lead by Athens and Sparta |
| 386 BC     | Plato founds the academy                                       |
| 323 BC     | Alexander the Great dies after defeating the Persians          |
| 146 BC     | Roman rule of Greece begins with the sacking of Corinth        |

## Keys dates and events

| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 1939   | Under the leadership of Adolf<br>Hitler, Nazi Germany invade<br>Poland.  |
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| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 1939   | Britain and France declare war on<br>Germany - start of WW2. Neville<br>Chamberlain (British Prime<br>Minister 1937-40) has tried to<br>previously appease Germany.                            |
| January 1940                | Rationing introduced to Britain  |
| May to June<br>1940         | Dunkirk is evacuated and France<br>surrenders. Germany use a quick<br>invasion to take over Western<br>Europe. (known a Blitzkrieg)  |
| July 1940                   | Germany launch air strikes over Britain (start of the Battle of Britain and the Blitz) Winston Churchill is the British Prime Minister Germany, Italy and Japan sign a pact, forming the axis. |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1941    | Japanese bomb Pearl Harbour in<br>America. Their President Franklin<br>D Roosevelt enters the war<br>fighting with the allies.   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> June 1944   | D-Day and Normandy invasions.<br>The Allies invade France and push<br>Germany back.  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> April 1945 | Hitler commits suicide   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> May 1945    | Germany surrenders & victory in Europe is declared the next day  |
| Aug 1945                    | America drop bombs on Japan killing over 226,000 people  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 1945   | Japan surrender, ending WW2  |

## Keys dates and events

| 193 AD    | Septimus Severus becomes first<br>black Roman Emperor, living in<br>York for 3 years  |
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| 1507      | John Blanke, black trumpeter in<br>King Henry 8 <sup>th</sup> court mentioned<br>in records. Only evidence of a<br>black man in Tudor times |
| 1562      | John Hawkins sails to Africa, he kidnaps 300 black people and enforces them to work for him, becoming slaves.                               |
| 1774      | Ignatius Sancho First black person to vote in Britain   |
| 1807      | Buying and selling of slaves ends but slaves are still not free   |
| 1834      | Enslaved people are freed   |
| 1835      | John Kent becomes the first black police officer  |
| 1939-1945 | 10,000 soldiers from the<br>Caribbean volunteer to fight for<br>Britain in WW2  |
| 1948      | The Empire Windrush docks with 500 Caribbean passengers on board.   |
| 1987      | First black MP's - Bernie Grant,<br>Dianne Abbott and Paul Boateng  |
| 2020      | Protests following the death of<br>George Floyd and Black Lives<br>Matter movement starts   |

### Cross curriculum links

Geography (locations/landscapes)
Music & PE (dance and music WW2)
Literacy (spoken word, writing)
Maths (concept of time)
IT Bletchley Park WW2