Higham Ferrers Nursery and Infant School

Curriculum Key Skills and Knowledge

History

| Repeating thread: Historical Vocabulary (Respect) | | | | | |
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| Nursery | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | | |
| Communication and Language | | Chronological Understanding | | | |
| - Develop their communication but may still have problems with irregular tenses. | - Describe events in some detail. | Can they use words and phrases like: old, new and a long time ago? Can they tell me about things that happened when they were little? Do they know that some objects belonged in the past? | Can they use phrases and words like: 'before', 'after', 'past', 'present', 'then', and 'now'; in their historical learning? Can they sequence a set of events in chronological order and give reasons for their order? Can they sequence a set of objects in chronological order? | | |
| | | CHALLENGE Can they put up to 5 objects in chronological order (recent history)? Can they use the words before and after correctly? Can they say why they think a story was set in the past? | CHALLENGE Can they sequence events about their own life? Can they try to work out how long ago an event happened? | | |

| Personal, Social and Emotional | Knowledge and Interpretation | |
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| Develop their sense of responsibility and membership of a community. | Can they explain how they have changed since they were born? Do they recognise that we celebrate special events (such as bonfire night) because of what happened many years ago and tell us about it? Can they begin to ask questions about events e.g. when? What happened? Why? Who was involved? Can they identify objects from the past such as vinyl records? | Can they recount the life of someone famous from Britain who lived in the past? Can they explain how their local area was different in the past? Can they recount some interesting facts from an historical event? Can they give examples of things that are different in their life from that of their grandparents when they were young? |
| | CHALLENGE Can they explain why different objects were different in the past (e.g. iron, music systems, televisions)? Can they explain differences between past and present in their life and that of other children from a different time in History? | CHALLENGE - Can they explain why someone in the past acted the way they did? - Can they explain why their local area is associated with a special historical event? |
| Understanding the world | Historical Enquiry | |
| - Begin to make sense - Talk about members of of their own life their immediate family and community. | Can they spot old and new things in a picture? Can they give a plausible explanation about what an object was used for in the past? | - Can they answer questions by using a specific source, such as an information book? |

| - Have positive | - Comment on images of | - Can they find out more about a famous - | - Can they research the life of a |
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| attitudes about the differences between | familiar situations in the | person and carry out some research on him or her? | famous Briton using different resources to help them? |
| | past. | or her? | resources to help them? |
| people. | Compare and contrast | | |
| | characters from stories, | | |
| | including figures from the | | |
| | past. | | |
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