

SEND – HISTORY

Our Curriculum INTENT	At Unstone Schools Federation, we believe that history is essential for helping children understand the complexity of the world and their place within it. Our curriculum, delivered through the Kapow Primary History scheme, is designed to foster curiosity, critical thinking, and a deep appreciation of the past. We aim to provide a high-quality history education that builds: • Substantive knowledge – key facts, concepts, and narratives across different periods and civilisations. • Disciplinary knowledge – understanding how historians investigate the past, interpret evidence, and construct accounts. • Chronological understanding – helping pupils place events, people, and developments in time and see connections across eras. Pupils explore a diverse range of topics, from ancient civilisations to modern British history, learning how past events have shaped the present. They are taught to: • Ask thoughtful questions and conduct historical enquiries. • Analyse sources and consider different interpretations of the past. • Reflect on continuity and change, cause and consequence, and historical significance. Our curriculum is carefully sequenced to support progression and retrieval, ensuring pupils build secure and connected knowledge over time. History encourages pupils to value their own and others’ heritage, fostering respect and cultural awareness in today’s diverse society. Through engaging lessons and meaningful enquiry, we help children become informed, reflective citizens with a strong sense of identity and historical perspective.			
Areas of Need	Cognition and Learning Support for learning difficulties may be required when children learn at a slower pace than their peers, even with appropriate adaptive teaching. Learning difficulties cover a wide range of needs, including moderate learning difficulties (MLD), severe learning difficulties (SLD) and Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD) encompassing a range of conditions including dyslexia, and dyscalculia.	Communication and Interaction Children with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) have difficulty in communicating with others. This may be because they have difficulty saying what they want to, understanding what is being said to them or they do not understand or use social rules of communication. They may have difficulty with one, some or all of the different aspects of speech, language or social communication at different times of their lives. Autistic children are likely to have particular difficulties with social interaction.	Physical and sensory Some children require special educational provision because they have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of the educational facilities generally provided and they may require additional ongoing support and equipment to access all the opportunities available to their peers. Many children and young people with vision impairment (VI), hearing impairment (HI) or a multi-sensory impairment (MSI) will require specialist support and/or equipment to access their learning, or habilitation support.	Social Emotional and Mental Health Children may experience a wide range of social and emotional difficulties which manifest themselves in many ways. These may include becoming withdrawn or isolated, as well as displaying challenging, disruptive or disturbing behaviour. These behaviours may reflect underlying mental health difficulties such as anxiety or depression, self-harming, substance misuse, eating disorders or physical symptoms that are medically unexplained. Other children and young people may have disorders such as attention deficit disorder, attention deficit hyperactive disorder or attachment disorder.

Barriers	Cognition and Learning - Recall of instructions - Use of specific language - Delay between instruction and task results in forgetting - Low attainment in numeracy can present a barrier to timelines (particularly those requiring understanding of negative numbers) - Conceptual understanding of chronology. - Accessing learning due to poor literacy, processing or cognitive skills	Communication and Interaction - Children may struggle to communicate their view and express opinions - Language and understanding difficulties - Sharing space and equipment with others - Working in a group	Physical and sensory - Recording information - Difficulty in hearing instructions from teacher/peers - Difficulty in observing historical artefacts - Trips to museums/place of interest may have accessibility issues	Social Emotional and Mental Health - Difficulty in taking turns and sharing - Difficulty with not succeeding - Children who struggle may become upset/angry/withdrawn particularly in subject areas they find more difficult - Sensitive content matter e.g. war
Suggestion Provision	- Key words displayed and introduced prior to lesson - Use of shorter/less complex sentences in resources given - Pictorial representation - Constant retrieval opportunities and reinforcement - Reduction in verbal instruction - Use of video and photographs to aid recall - Writing frames and sentence stems available - Provide modified version - Use of voice recording - Relevant choice of program - Word/definition bank - Use of concrete resources e.g. numberlines - Coloured paper and 'white' boards - Coloured overlays	- clear structure of lesson with minimal periods of inactivity - safe space and safe people identified for learning - Pre-teaching and consistency of rules and expectations - Writing frames and sentence stems available - Discuss answer with a partner first to allow processing time - Alternative ways of expressing views e.g. white board, filmed on iPad - Ensure any written information is also explained verbally - Use of simple instructions – small steps with modelling - Visual aids and dual coding - Own set of equipment where possible - Glossary in book	- positioning in learning space - use of communication in print/signals - visual modelling - instruction in classroom before lesson - Provide additional ways to record info(video/ICT etc) - peer support - specialist and adapted equipment - Enlarged resources - Simplification of resources - Pre-prepared resources eg ready cut out images - Carefully planned trips	- Specific rules and expectations - Work on resilience - Time out/movement breaks - Provide chn with jobs - Have clear expectations of group work - Ensure consistency - Own set of equipment where possible - Ensure content being used in lesson is considered and approached in a sensitive manner - Therabands on chair legs - Adapted seating styles e.g., wobble cushion - Use of fiddle toy

Adaptive teaching ideas

- Pre-teach vocabulary e.g. whilst getting equipment out
- Re-cap vocabulary and skills e.g. whilst putting equipment away at the end of the lesson
- Clarity of instruction, explanations and modelling are crucial
- Ensure resources are suitable for all
- Motivation is vital to bring about engagement – if it feels too hard or too easy it will not be motivating
- For many pupils with SEND, it is often the recording of the content rather than the content itself which provides the greatest level of challenge in lessons and this should be addressed in the planning and preparation for lessons.