



Curriculum Concepts History

Concept	Explanation
Chronology	Chronology is the study of the big picture of events across time. This means that children gradually build up a sense of how periods fit together in sequence. In this concept, it is also necessary to develop the understanding of historical language and terminology, the idea of sequence, duration and the sense of period.
Continuity and change	There were lots of things going on at any one time in the past. Some changed rapidly while others remained relatively continuous. We can look at these at face value and consider things that were continuous and explain why, and things that were changing and explain why. Another key aspect of this concept is to challenge these ideas and look for change where common sense suggests there has been none.
Cause and consequence	This concept considers the "how and why" of history. The causes look for "what were the actions/beliefs/circumstances....?" That led to a change or event that we examine, and then the consequence of these.
Significance	Some events, ideas or people have had such a long-lasting impact on the world that they could be significant.