

History at OJS

During this time, to ensure the safety of our pupils and staff we have adapted this subject by taking physical distancing and sharing of resources into account. The safety of staff and children is paramount and at the very forefront of our minds. We utilise government guidelines and directives. In light of safety guidelines, at Overdale we continue to monitor and update our restrictions in line with the UK government's most up to date recommendations around the teaching of History. We:

- ventilate rooms well.
- windows are kept open.
- seat children side by side, facing the same direction.
- avoid large gatherings – ensure this is taken into consideration for groupings.
- clean hands and surfaces before and after lessons.
- clean equipment down before and after use.
- have videos and demonstrations on the board so that children can visually see what they are expected to do.
- children have their own equipment.
- any other necessary equipment is shared between a bubble.
- clean any resources or equipment, which are for communal use, after children have used them.
- unfortunately, we are not yet planning any of our usual gatherings in school to celebrate our creative curriculum such as parent volunteers, open evenings where we celebrate children's work.
- groupings for conversation or talk opportunities need to be well thought out, where we avoid face to face conversations and stick to the guidelines of social distancing.
- sadly, some subjects have been omitted or changed this year due to lockdowns and an altering in timetabling. For example; in year six- where they were intending to study 'Ancient Baghdad and the Golden Islamic Age' was exchanged for an extension of the topic Ancient Egypt as a result of the January lockdown.
- are no longer able to offer or engage with trips off of the school site to places of historical significance.

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