



ADAPTATIONS in HISTORY at Walford Nursery & Primary School

Remember to continuously assess and adapt resources based on the child's progress and specific needs.
Collaborate with specialists, involve parents, and provide ongoing support to ensure the effective use of these resources for all pupils.

Age 2 years – 5 years (EYFS – Nursery & Reception)	Age 5 years – 7 years (KS1 – Year 1 & Year 2)	Age 7 years – 11 years (KS2 – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6)	General Resources
Historical Role Play Areas - Home corners, castles, or 'past vs. present' dress-up and props. Tactile Artefact Boxes - Replicas of old and new objects to explore concepts like change and continuity (e.g. old phones, toys, cooking utensils). Photo Sorting Activities 'Then and Now' photo cards for sorting and discussion. Simple Historical Stories with Props - Story sacks or puppets for key historical figures or events (e.g. The Great Fire of London for KS1 transition). Adaptive Slopes / Writing Grips - Adjustable slopes and pencil grips to accommodate different heights and motor abilities.	Interactive Timelines - Large floor or wall timelines with velcro images to support sequencing and cause and effect. Audio Versions of Stories and Fact Files - To support auditory learners and those with reading difficulties. Dual-Coded Vocabulary Mats - Images and key words together to support understanding and language acquisition. Puppets and Toy Figures - To retell events such as The Gunpowder Plot or Florence Nightingale. Simple Mapping and Sorting Games - Where historical events or objects are sorted into time periods (e.g. past vs. present, old vs. new).	Simplified Kapow Lesson Resources - Use key visuals and reduce text; chunk activities and scaffold vocabulary. Accessible Artefact Replicas - Real or replica artefacts (e.g. Roman coins, Viking tools, WWII ration books) that pupils can explore hands-on. History through Art, Drama and Music - Re-enactments, freeze-frames, or composing Roman marching chants to bring events to life non-verbally. Dyslexia-Friendly Print Resources - Use pastel backgrounds, dyslexia-friendly fonts, and large-print versions of text-heavy materials. Visual History Maps - Visual learning maps to retell key events like the Ancient Egyptian mummification. Interactive Digital Tools - Use child-friendly historical apps or websites (e.g. BBC Bitesize KS2 History, Kapow digital activities). - Text-to-speech software to support independent learning, e.g., Clicker Sensory Timelines and Models - Create tactile timelines with fabric, string, sandpaper, or foam for sensory feedback.	Visual Timetables and Now/Next Boards - To structure lessons and reduce anxiety through predictable routines. Visual Aids and Story Maps - Timelines, sequencing cards, and picture-based storyboards to support chronology and narrative understanding. Simplified and Symbol-Supported Texts - Use Widgit or Communicate in Print for symbol-supported reading and writing tasks. - Kapow resources can be adapted into symbol-supported versions. Makaton and British Sign Language (BSL) - Introduce key historical vocabulary through signing for non-verbal or speech-delayed pupils. Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Tools - Communication boards or speech-generating devices to support discussion and response in lessons. Sensory Support Resources - Sensory breaks or fidget tools for emotional regulation and concentration. Professional Development Materials - Inclusive teaching guides, workshops, and training materials for teachers.

Voice Notes and Video Diaries

- Pupils can record responses or reflections instead of writing, using tablets, e.g., Clicker.

Choice Boards for Responses

- Allow pupils to choose how to show their learning: drawing, labelling, acting, dictating, or model-making.

Social Stories for Historical Context

- To help pupils with ASD understand emotional or moral aspects of history (e.g. war, discrimination).

Collaboration Platforms

- Online platforms for collaborative art projects, connecting students with peers.

Parental Engagement Resources

- Informational materials and workshops to involve parents in supporting their child's artistic development.
- Send home simplified history vocabulary and activity suggestions to support home reinforcement.

Flexible Seating Options

- Stability cushions, adjustable chairs, or cushions for comfort and concentration.

Kapow SEND Adaptation Guidance

- Use Kapow's inclusive planning advice and adaptative suggestions for each topic.

