Poes the punishment always fit the crime? HISTORY

National Curriculum Links:

A study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066.

Essential Prior Learning:

Order time periods studied previously: Stone Age, Bronze Age, Stone Age, Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Vikings, Stuarts (Great Fire of London). Know that historians find out about the past by reading books, looking at artefacts and talking to people.

Know that people's ways of life have changed over time.

Progression in Skill:

Identify and give reasons for historical events, situations and changes.

Ask and answer questions about the past, considering aspects of change & continuity, cause & consequence, similarity & difference and significance.

Show an awareness that different interpretations of the past may exist and begin to suggest reasons for this.

Long-term Memory Knowledge:

Throughout history, rule of law has existed. What is considered a crime has changed (e.g. witchcraft).

Ways of detecting crime have changed (e.g. fingerprints).

Punishments have changed over time, partly because people's attitudes and understanding of human behaviour have changed.

Key Vocabulary	
rule of law	the law applies to everyone
verdict	the decision given at the end of a
	trial to say whether someone is
	guilty or not
law	a set of rules set out by the
	government of a country
court	where trials take place
justice	fairness in the way people are dealt
	with – everyone has to follow the
	same rules and there are
	consequences when someone
	doesn't
judge	the person in charge of the court
	who can decide on the punishment
jury	a group of people in the court who
	listen to the evidence in a trial and
	decide the verdict
sentence	the punishment given by a court
trial	a judge and jury listening to
	evidence in a court to decide
	whether a person is guilty of a
	crime

	the information given in court to
evidence	help a jury decide if someone is
	guilty

Progression in Resources:

Photographs and pictures from the different time periods studied

Relevance	
Now	Children develop their understanding that the way people live their lives changes over time: what we consider reasonable may not have been in the past; they develop their understanding of how historians find out about the past.
Future	Children have an understanding of how and why our legal system is as it is; understand how the courts are used to determine a punishment; they are able to identify how one aspect of the past is influenced by another, e.g. fear of witches led to harsh punishments.
Aspiration	Children choose a career in the legal system, e.g. police, lawyer, pronation service; they seek to support those accused of crimes throughout the world to ensure a fair process for all.