

Make a Date – Historic Firsts



Objective

To help children gain a better understanding of chronology.
To become familiar with the dates for some important 'historic firsts'.



Equipment

- Enrich School Orienteering Map
- Orienteering control markers
- Activity sheet
- Answer sheet



Preparation

- Children will need to understand how to write dates (years) in digits.
- Children could do this activity in pairs or small groups.
- Provide each pair/group with a copy of the Activity Sheet and an Enrich School Orienteering Map.
- Explain to children how to complete the Activity Sheet.



Instructions

- The Activity Sheet includes a list of important 'historic firsts'.
- Children choose one of the 'firsts' from the list. The date it took place is shown on their Activity Sheet, but one digit is missing.
- Children have to fill in the missing digit to show the full date in which the 'first' took place.
- They then use their orienteering map to locate the control point that is linked to the 'first'.
- The missing digit in the date has the number from the control marker (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th) indicated above it. Children fill in the digit to create the full date. They check this against their guess for the date.
- They then choose another 'first' and repeat, until they have guessed and checked the date of each one.



Other information

- This activity could follow on from work on important inventions etc.
- Children could choose one of these 'historic firsts' and do some research to find out more information about it.

