

History Skills Progression

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Chronology	Talk about important events from their own life. I.e Birthdays.	Sort familiar objects into "then" and "now"	Sequence a collection of artefacts - newest-oldest	Place artefacts on a timeline based on careful observation	Place artefacts on a more detailed timeline based on research	Describe artefacts from different periods accurately using historical vocabulary	Identify unknown artefacts using own knowledge of history
		Share memories and events from their own life	Sequence events from their own lives	Place events on a timeline measured in centuries	Identify key features/events of a period being studied	Know and sequence key events of time period studied	Create their own timeline of specific events and people being studied
		Retell a historical story	Sequence events from a familiar historical story	Place the time studied on a timeline of world history	Place events from period studied on a timeline	Relate key events in world history in different locations	Know key dates off by heart
Using sources and evidence	Talk about/ Discuss things/ objects that have happened in the past from pictures/	Describe things that happened in the past from pictures	Use written sources to find out about people and events in other times	Begin to identify primary and secondary sources	Know the difference between primary and secondary sources	Select relevant sections of information sources used	Select and use a range of sources to find out about an aspect of history
	books.	Recount some details from historical stories/accounts	Use images and video clips to find out about the past	Use photos, paintings and artwork as primary sources of information about the past	Use databases such as census data to find information	Make notes from a range of sources including: people, museums, maps and books	Identify useful sources before using them
		Explain how they know something happened in the recent past	Know that some images are not from the past, but are recreations of past events	Use simple evidence to build up a picture of a past event	Use evidence to build up a picture of life in the time period being studied	Use evidence to support and illustrate their explanations and answers to questions	Explain how different sources of evidence could lead to different conclusions
Evaluating and responding to sources and	Talk about why /how things happened in the past.	Talk about their own memories and how accurate they are	Explain the difference between a fictional and historical story	Compare two different sources of the same basic information - eg date of birth	Know that different people might give different accounts of the same events	Compare accounts of the same events from different sources	Explain how propaganda or misinformation might affect what we understand happened in the past
evidence		Talk about whether something is true or made up	Discuss whether they think an historical account is true or false	Compare the accuracy of primary and secondary sources	Begin to evaluate/review the usefulness of different sources	Offer some reasons for different versions of events in different sources	Discuss ways of checking the accuracy of interpretations - fact or fiction and opinion
		Talk about why people did things in the past	Explain why they think things were different in the past	Identify some reasons for people's actions in the past	Offer a reasonable explanation for historical events based on evidence	Examine causes and results of great events and the impact on people	Understand that different beliefs and cultural experiences are all relevant
Making comparisons	Begin to talk about things that have happened in the past and make simple	Talk about then and now and make simple comparisons	Compare pictures or photographs of people or events in the past	Describe similarities and differences between artefacts in a collection	Make comparisons between different times in history	Compare an aspect of life with the same aspect in another period	Study and compare different aspects of life for different people - eg men and women,
Patterns and trends	comparisons	Begin to describe similarities and differences in artefacts	Begin to notice patterns between past and present	Predict some events from what they already know	Describe some of the historical trends they notice	Describe some causes and their effects in time studied	Generalise some historical trends, use to explain events
Questions and enquiry	Ask/ answer questions about events that happened in their past/ the past.	Ask questions about historical objects and pictures: "What is that object used for?"	Ask why, what, who, how, when type questions about objects, images and people: "Why did they?"	Ask and answer historical questions about the period being studied: "When did the live?"	Ask more complex historical questions: "What was is like for aduring the"	Understand that there may be more than one answer to a historical question	Plan and carry out individual investigations based on their own questions
Communication	Show an understanding of the past through their play. i.e through conversation, in role- play, drawing, construction, use of loose parts.	Shows understanding of the past in different ways: drawing, role play, talking	Describes historical objects, people and events Write simple stories and accounts of the past	Describe people and events of the past in writing using correct vocabulary Use images, diagrams and labels to present information	Use a range of methods to communicate information: digital presentation, poster, newspaper front page, leaflet	Organise historical information into a structure Present historical data clearly using tables	Use a range of structures, templates and methods to communicate information: PPT slideshow, annotated map, tables and graphs,
New vocabulary (Further topic vocabulary can be found on unit knowledge	The past, long time ago, yesterday. today, now, tomorrow, yesterday, day, week, month what, when, where, why, same, different parents, grandparents, remember	then, after, before, the present, the future, hours, year, timeline who, why, change, detective, investigate, ask, objects, information, historian, similar local, homes, buildings, explain, used for, timeline, date order, similar, different, memory, lifetime	century, sequence, chronological order, recent, earlier, later, era, pattern, cause, evidence, sources, true, false, artefacts, event reign, monarch, empire, achievement, invention, capital city, 17th Century, plague, diary, monument, Government, leader, parliament	AD/BC, ancient, modern, period, decade, first-hand evidence, second-hand evidence, primary source, secondary source, effect, similarity, difference, compare calendar, society, civilisation, location, hunter gatherer, wealthy, trading, trade route, settlement, archaeologist, architecture, landscape, invasion, power, conquest, religious, social,		millennium, continuity, duration, sequence, reliable, consequence, contrast, analyse, identify, hypothesis, infer, invasion, rise, fall, warfare, rebellion, retreat, democracy, political, legion, conquer, siege, tax,	short-term, long-term, significance, trends conclusions, interpretations, impression, biased, motive, propaganda, viewpoint legacy, ancestors Neolithic, Palaeolithic, Britons, bronze/iron/stone age,