



Progression of Skills and Knowledge in History

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Chronological understanding	 use everyday language related to time order and sequence familiar events describe main story settings, events and principal characters talks about past and present events in their own lives of family members 	 recount changes in own life over time distinguish between past and present identify similarities and differences between different ways of life beyond living memory use words and phrases such as old, new, young, days, months, past, present, now, then, future 	 sequence events or artefacts closer together in time identify similarities and differences between different ways of life in different time periods use phrases such as recently, before, after, now, later, x years ago, a long time ago, timeline 	 place a time studied on a timeline sequence events, people or artefacts on a timeline within period Understand BC/ AD/ BCE/ ACE 	 place events from period studied on a timeline use terms related to the period and begin to date events use dates related to the passing of time e.g. 19th and 20th century use words and phrases such as century, decade, BCE/ACE, after, before, during 	 place current study on a timeline in relation to other studies know and sequence key events of time studied sequence historical periods compare current studies to other time periods studied use words and phrases such as century, decade, BCE/ACE, after, before during, Victorians, Tudors, era, period 	 place current study on timeline in relation to other studies use relevant dates and terms use timelines to demonstrate changes and developments in culture, technology, religion and society around the world use words such as social, religious, political, technological, cultural, bias, reliability, legacy
Range and depth of historical knowledge		tell the difference between past and present in own and other people's lives episodes from stories about the past	 use stories and other information to describe the past Use stories and other information to describe differences between then and now Recount main events from a significant time in history and demonstrate knowledge if significant individuals in the past Identify differences between ways of life at different times 	 Use information to describe the past Use information to describe differences between then and now Recount main events from a significant period in history Use evidence to explain reasons why people in past acted as they did 	 Use evidence to reconstruct life in time studied Identify key features and events of time studied Look for links and effects in time studied Offer a reasonable explanation for some events 	 Study different aspects of different people – differences between men and women. Examine causes and results of great events and the impact on people Compare life in early and late times studied Compare an aspect of life with the same aspect in another period 	 .Know key dates, characters and events of time studied Give own reasons why events occurred backed up with evidence Describe how some changes affect life today Make links between some features of past societies

Interpretations of history		 Use stories to encourage children to distinguish between fact and fiction Begin to identify different ways to represent the past (e.g. photos, stories, adults talking about the past) 	 Compare pictures or photographs of people or events in the past Discuss reliability of photos/ accounts/stories Be able to identify different ways to represent the past (pictures, plays, film, written accounts, museums and stories) 	 Identify and give reasons for different ways in which the past is represented Distinguish between different sources and evaluate their usefulness Look at different versions of the same event and identify differences 	 Look at the evidence available and give reasons why there might be different accounts of history Begin to evaluate the usefulness of different sources Use text books and historical knowledge 	 Compare accounts of events from different sources Give clear reasons why there may be different accounts of history including reasons why people can represent events or ideas to persuade others 	 Link sources and workout how conclusions were arrived at Consider wats of checking accuracy of interpretations-fact or fiction and opinion Be aware that different evidence will lead to different conclusions Confidently use the library and internet for research
Historical enquiry	 Be curious about people and show interest in stories Answer 'how' and 'why; questions in response to stories or events Explain own knowledge and understanding and ask appropriate questions Know that information can be retrieved from books and computers Record using marks they can interpret and explain 	 Sort artefacts 'then' and 'now' Ask and answer questions related to different sources and objects 	 Use a range of sources to find out about a period and observe and record differences Begin to use the library, e-learning for research and to ask and answer questions Suggest sources of evidence to use to help answer questions 	 Use a range of sources to find out about a period Observe small details – artefacts, pictures. Select and record information relevant to the study Begin to use the library and internet for research 	 Use evidence to build up a picture of a past event Give reasons why there may be different accounts of history Choose relevant material to present a picture of one aspect of life in past time Ask a variety of questions Use the library and internet for research 	 Begin to identify primary and secondary sources Choose the most reliable sources of evidence from a selection provided to answer questions Understand that there is often not a single answer to historical questions Use internet for research with increasing confidence 	 Recognise primary and secondary sources Use a range of sources to find out about an aspect of time in the past Form own opinions about historical events from a range of sources and evaluate its usefulness Bring knowledge gathered from several sources together in a fluent account

	 show knowledge 	 describe objects, 	 use dates and terms 	 use dates and terms 	 present findings 	 present structured 	 select and organise
	and understanding	people and events	withincreasing	withincreasing	about past using	and organised	information to produce
	about the past in	 write simple stories 	accuracy	accuracy	speaking, writing,	finding, about the	structured work making
	different ways	and recounts about	 discuss different ways 	 discuss different ways 	maths (data	past using speaking,	appropriate use of dates
	(e.g. role play,	the past	of presenting	of presenting	handling), ICT,	writing maths, ICT,	and terms
	drawing, writing,	• draw labelled diagrams	information for	information for	drama and	drama and drawing	 present information in
	talking, labelling)	and writes about them	different purposes/	different purposes/	drawing skills	skills	the most appropriate
Organisation		to tell others about	audiences	audiences	 use dates and 	 use dates, terms and 	way (e.g. written
and		people, events and			terms correctly	specificwords	explanation/tables and
communication		objects from the past			 discuss the most 	accurately	charts/ labelled diagram)
communication					appropriate way	 choose most 	 make accurate use of
					to present	appropriate way to	specific dates and terms
					information	present information	 use extended writing
					realizing that it is	to an audience	_
					for an audience		
					 use subject 		
					specificwords		