

Progression in History skills

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Chronology	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	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	Place the time studied on a time line Sequence events, people or artefacts on a timeline within period Understand BC/ AD BCE/ ACE	Place events from period studied on a time line Use terms related to the period and begin to date events Use dates related to the passing of time eg 19th and 20th Century Use words and phrases such as Century, decade, BCE/ACE, after, before during	Place current study on time line 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 time line in relation to other studies Use relevant dates, terms, 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 live	Use stories and other information to describe the past. Use stories and other information to describe differences between then and now.	Use information to describe the past. Use information to describe differences between then and now.	Identify key features and events Look for links and effects in time studied Offer a reasonable explanation for some events	Study some social, cultural, religious and ethnic aspects of societies studied Examine cause and results of great events and the impact on people	Know key dates, characters and events of time studied Give own reasons why events occurred, backed up with evidence

		Recount main events from a significant time in history and demonstrate knowledge of significant individuals in the past	Recount main events from a significant period in history. Use evidence to explain reasons why people in past acted as they did.			Describe how some changes affect life today Make links between some features of past societies
Interpretations of History	Begin to identify different ways to represent the past (e.g. photos, stories, adults talking about the past) (photos, BBC website	Compare pictures or photographs of people or events in the past (eye witness accounts, photos, artefacts) Able to identify different ways to represent the past (pictures, plays, films, 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	Give reasons why there might be different accounts of history Begin to evaluate the usefulness of different sources use of 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 work out how conclusions were arrived at Consider ways of checking the accuracy of interpretations – fact / fiction and opinion Be aware that different evidence will lead to different conclusions Know and understand that some evidence contains bias, propaganda, opinion or misinformation. This can affect how history is interpreted

Historical Enquiry	Sort artefacts "then" and "now" Ask and answer questions related to different sources and objects including pictures and stories	Use a source – why, what, who, how, where - to ask questions and find answers Discuss the effectiveness of source	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	Begin to identify primary and secondary sources Give reasons why there may be different accounts of history Ask a variety of questions Use the library, e-learning for research Choose sources of evidence from a selection provided, to answer questions	Recognise 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 of library, e-learning, research	Use a range of sources to find out about an aspect of time past. Suggest omissions and the means of finding out Bring knowledge gathering from several sources together in a fluent account Form own opinions about historical events from a range of sources and evaluate its usefulness
Organisation and communication	Show knowledge and understanding about the past in different ways (eg. role play, drawing, writing, talking). writing (reports, labelling, simple recount) ICT	Show knowledge and understanding about the past in different ways (eg. role play, drawing, writing, talking). writing (reports, labelling, simple recount) ICT	Use dates and terms with increasing accuracy Discuss different ways of presenting information for different purposes/ audiences	Present findings about past using speaking, writing, maths (data handling), ICT, drama and drawing skills Use dates and terms correctly. Discuss most appropriate way to present information, realising that it is for an audience. Use subject specific words such as monarch, settlement, invader	Present structured and organised findings about the past using speaking, writing, maths, ICT, drama and drawing skills. Use dates and terms accurately. Choose most appropriate way to present information to an audience	Present information in the most appropriate way (eg written explanation/tables and charts/labelled diagram). Make accurate use of specific dates and terms. Use extended writing Plan and carry out individual investigations