

The Progression of Our History Skills

Skills	EYFS	Year 1 (KS1)	Year 2 (KS1)	Year 3 (LKS2)	Year 4 (LKS2)	Year 5 (UKS2)	Year 6 (UKS2)
Chronological understanding	Understanding the World Use everyday language related to time Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling	Recognise the distinction between past and present Sequence events in their life Order dates from earliest to latest on simple timelines Sequence pictures and objects from different periods of time Sequence 3 or 4 artefacts from distinctly different periods of time Use words and phrases such as:old, new/young, before, past, days and months	Sequence artefacts and events that are close together in time Sequence pictures from different period periods of time Describe memories and changes that have happened in their own lives Identify some similarities and differences between their own lives and aspects of the past Use words and phrases such as: old, new, earliest, latest, past, present, future, century, new, newest, old, oldest, modern, before, after to show the passing of time	Place the time studied on a time line Place topics studied into different periods (century, decade, Roman, Egyptian, BC, AD) Sequence several events, artefacts or historical figures on a timeline using dates, including those that are sometimes further apart Use dates and terms related to the study unit and passing of time	Place events studied from the topics studied onto a time line Use terms related to the time period (century, decade, Roman, Egyptian, BC, AD) and begin to date events Identify where some periods studied fit into a chronological framework by noting connections, trends and contrasts over time Make some links between and across periods, such as the differences between clothes, food, buildings or transport Understand that a timeline can be divided into BC (Before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini)	Know and sequence key events of time studied on a timeline using dates accurately Sequence events and periods through the use of appropriate terms relating to the passing of time (empire, civilisation, parliament, peasantry) Identify where periods studied fit into a chronological framework by noting connections, trends and contrasts over time Make comparisons between different times in the past Relate current topics studied to previous topics studied	Order an increasing number of significant events, movements and dates on a timeline using dates accurately Accurately use dates and terms to describe historical events Understand and describe in some detail the main changes to an aspect in a period in history Understand how some historical events /periods occurred concurrently in different locations, e.g. Indus Valley and Ancient Egypt

Historical Knowledge Knowledge and Understanding of Events, People and Changes in the Past of Events, People and Changes in the Past	Be curious about people and show interest in stories Answer how and why questions in response to stories or events Recognise or describe special times or events for family or friends	Recognise the difference between past and present in their own and others lives Know and recount episodes from stories and significant events in history Describe significant individuals from the past	Recognise similarities and differences between the past and the present Identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods Know and recount episodes from stories and significant events in history Understand that there are reasons why people in the past acted as they did Describe significant individuals from the past	Find out about the everyday lives of people in time studied compared with our life today Identify reasons for and results of people's actions Understand why people may have wanted to do something Identify key features, aspects and events of the time studied Describe connections and contrasts between aspects of history, people, events and artefacts studied	Use evidence to reconstruct life in time studied Identify key features and events of time studied Look for the links and effects in time studied Offer a reasonable explanation for some events Explain how people and events in the past have influenced life today	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	Identify and note connections, contrasts and trends over time in the everyday lives of people Use appropriate historical terms such as culture, religious, social, economic and political when describing the past Examine causes and results of great events and the impact these had on people Describe the key features of the past, including attitudes, beliefs, behaviour and characteristics of people, recognising that not everyone shares the same views and feelings Compare beliefs and behaviour with another time studied Know key dates, characters and events of time studied
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	Discussion of the	Start to compare	Compare two	Look at more than	Investigate	Compare accounts of	Find and analyse a wide
	word past and what	two versions of a	versions of a past	two versions of the	different accounts	events from	range of evidence about
	it means	past event	event	same event or story	of historical events	different sources -	the past
				in history and	and be able to	fact or	
	Link to role play	Begin to identify	Compare pictures or	identify differences	explain some of	fiction	Use a range of evidence
	themes, eg: Knights	different ways to	photographs of		the reasons why		to offer some clear
	and Castles	represent the past	people or events	Identify and give	the accounts may	Offer some reasons	reasons for different
		(e.g photos, stories,	in the past	reasons for	be different	for different versions	interpretations of events,
	Talk about length of	adults talking about		different ways in		of events	linking this to factual
	time to give context	the past)	Discuss reliability of	which the past is	Look at the evidence available		understanding about the past
sc	- more than 5, 10 or 100 years	Observe and use	photos/	represented			past
Historical Interpretations	Too years	pictures,	accounts/stories	Distinguish between	Begin to evaluate		Consider different ways of
at	Talk about why	photographs and	Explain that there are	different sources -	the usefulness		checking the accuracy of
et	certain things	artefacts to find out	different types of	compare different	of different		interpretations of the past
j	happened in the	about the past	evidence and sources	versions of the	sources		interpretations of the past
tel	past when looking at		that can be used to	same story			Start to understand the
Ē	specific photos, eg:	Use stories to	help represent the		Use text books and		difference between
al	use of materials for	encourage children	past	Look at	historical		primary and secondary
i	building a castle	to distinguish		representations of	Knowledge		evidence and the impact
ō		between fact and		the period -			of this on reliability
ist		fiction		museum, cartoons			
I				etc			Show an awareness of the
							concept of propaganda
							Know that people in the
							past represent events or
							ideas in a way that may
							be to persuade others
							Begin to evaluate the
							usefulness of different
							sources



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Historical Enquiry	Use question and answer session at the beginning of each topic Sharing of stories which refer to the past, eg: stories told from a grandparent's perspective, etc. Show and tell - children bring in photos which link to History due to family trips and holidays	Find answers to simple questions about the past from sources of information e.g. artefacts Use as wide a range of sources as possible	Use a source to ask: why, what, who, how and where questions and find answers to them Sequence a collection of artefacts Use timelines Discuss the effectiveness of a source	Use a range of primary and secondary sources to find out about the past Gather more detail from sources such as maps, artefacts and pictures to build up a clearer picture of the past Select and record information relevant to the study Begin to use the library and internet for research	Use a range of primary and secondary sources to find out about the past Choose relevant material to present a picture of one aspect of life in time past Regularly address and sometimes devise own questions to find answers about the past Use the library and internet for research	Recognise primary and secondary sources of information to investigate the past Use evidence to build up a picture of a past event / life in time studied Select relevant sections of information Undertake their own research	Recognise primary and secondary sources of information to investigate the past Use a wide range of different evidence to collect evidence about the past, such as ceramics, pictures, documents, printed sources, posters, online material, pictures, photographs, artefacts, historic statues, figures, sculptures, historic sites Select relevant sections of information to address historically valid questions and construct detailed, informed responses Investigate their own lines of enquiry by posing historically valid questions to answer Bring knowledge gathered from several sources together in a fluent account



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ing, Organising and Communicating	Class discussions and partner talk about old photos, stories and themes which relate to History Recorded work based on relevant role play themes or topics	Communicate their knowledge through: Discussion The use of a time line (3D with objects/sequential pictures) Drawing pictures Drama/role play Writing Using ICT	Communicate their knowledge through: Discussion Drawing pictures Drama/role play Making models Writing Using ICT	Communicate their knowledge through: Discussion Drawing pictures Drama/role play Making models Writing Using ICT	Recall, select data and organise historical information to answer historical questions Communicate and display their knowledge and understanding in a variety of ways Know the period in which the topic of study is set	Recall, select data and organise historical information to answer historical questions Record, communicate and display their knowledge and understanding in a variety of ways Fit events into a display sorted by time Use appropriate terms, matching dates to people and events	Select and organise information to produce structured work, making appropriate use of dates and terms Select aspects of a topic of study to make a display Use a variety of ways to communicate knowledge and understanding including extended writing Plan and carry out individual investigations
Presenting, Or						matching dates to	-