

Progression of skills in History

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Chronological understanding	Talk about past and present events in their own lives. Children can talk about events in the past from their own family members	Sequence some events or 2 related objects in order Sequence events and photos from different periods of living memory Describe memories of key events in living memory VOCAB: old, new, young, days, months	Recount changes in own life over time Puts 3 people, events or objects in order using a given scale. Group artefacts together in time VOCAB: recently, before, after, now, later, past and present.	Uses timelines to place events or artefacts in order. Understands timeline can be divided into BC and AD. Uses words and phrases: century, decade.	Divides recent history into present, using 21st century, and the past using 19th and 20th centuries. Names and places dates of significant events from period studied on a timeline. VOCAB: century, decade, BC, AD, after, before, during.	Uses timelines to place and sequence local, national and international events. Sequences historical periods. Also references to periods/eras e.g., Viking era, Stone Age Identifies changes within and across historical periods.	Uses timelines to place events, periods and cultural movements from around the world. Uses timelines to demonstrate changes in culture, technology, religion and society. Describes main changes in a period in history using words such as: social, religious, political, technological and cultural. Place up to 10 events on a timeline from a given period.
Range & depth of historical knowledge	Talk about different experiences in their lifetime. Find out about different traditions and special events.	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. Able to identify different ways to represent the past. Begin to discuss the effectiveness of sources.	Identify and give reasons for different ways in which the past is represented Distinguish between different sources and evaluate their usefulness KS2:Washing line of certainty statements to assess: "I am unsure/I am quite certain/I am certain etc."	Identify and give reasons for different ways in which the past is represented Distinguish between different sources and evaluate their usefulness	Compare accounts of events from different sources. Distinguish between fact or fiction. Offer some reasons for different versions of events.	Link sources and work out how conclusions were arrived at. Consider ways of checking the accuracy of interpretations. Be aware that different evidence will lead to different conclusion. Be confident in the use of the library etc. for research

Interpretations of history	Know that different people enjoy different things. Listen to a range of stories.	Sort artefacts "then" and "now" Use as wide a range of sources as possible Speaking and listening To ask and answer questions related to different sources and objects - focus on replicas/first hand when possible.	Use a source – why, what, who, how, where to ask questions and find answers Use of time lines Discuss how we know about the past and how we can find out more. Ask and answer simple questions related to sources – focus on replicas/first hand when possible.	Use a range of sources to find out about a period Observe small details — artefacts, pictures. Form own questions and answers. select and record information relevant to the study. Begin to use the library, e-learning for research.	Use evidence to build up a picture of a past event Choose relevant material to present a picture of one aspect of life in time past Ask a variety of questions use the library, elearning for research	Begin to identify primary and secondary sources Use evidence to build up a picture of life in time studied Select relevant information Confident use of library, e-learning, research	Recognise primary and secondary sources Use a range of sources to find out about an aspect of time past. Suggest omissions and reasons for these. Knowledge gathering from several sources together in a fluent account.
Historical enquiry	Children talk about events that have happened or may happen in the future. Use talk to sequence events and ask and answer questions.	Finds answers to simple questions about the past from sources of information (eg. pictures, stories)	Looks carefully at pictures or objects to find information about the past. Asks and answers questions such as: 'what was it like for a?', 'what happened in the past?', 'how long ago did happen?' Estimates the ages of people by studying and describing their features.	Uses printed sources, the internet, pictures, photos, music, artefacts, historic buildings and visits to collect information about the past. Asks questions such as 'how did people? What did people do for?' Suggests sources of evidence to use to help answer questions.	Understands the difference between primary and secondary sources of evidence. Uses documents, printed sources, the internet, databases, pictures, photos, music, artefacts, historic buildings and visits to collect information about the past.	Uses documents, printed sources, the internet, databases, pictures, photos, music, artefacts, historic buildings and visits to collect information about the past. Chooses reliable sources of evidence to answer questions. Realises that there is often not a single answer to historical questions.	Identifies and uses different sources of information and artefacts. Evaluates the usefulness and accurateness of different sources of evidence. Selects the most appropriate source of evidence for particular tasks. Forms own opinions about historical events from a range of sources.