Skills and Knowledge Progression: History



	Chronological	Knowledge and	Historical interpretations	Historical enquiry	Presenting, organising and
	Understanding	Understanding			communicating
Year 1	Use words and phrases to show the passing of time or chronology (e.g. old, new, oldest, newest, modern, past, before and after). Sequence artefacts/pictures from different periods in chronological order. Match artefacts to people from different periods.	Recognise the difference between the past and present. Know and recount episodes from stories and significant events in history.	Use different sources to find out about the past (e.g. photographs, artefacts, stories, adults talking about the past). Use stories to encourage children to distinguish between fact and fiction. Start to compare two versions of a past event.	Find answers to simple questions about the past from sources of information (e.g. artefacts). Ask and answer questions about different sources to find out about the past.	Communicate their knowledge through: - discussion - drawing pictures - writing - drama/role play - using ICT Understand historical vocabulary and vocabulary linked to each topic
Year 2	Sequence artefacts/pictures that are close together in time, in chronological order. Sequence events that are close together in time, in chronological order. Order dates from earliest to latest on a simple timeline. Describe memories of key events and changes that have happened in their own life. Sequence events and pictures from different periods of their life.	Recognise similarities and differences between the past and present. Identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods. Recognise why people did things, why events happened and what happened as a result. Describe the achievements of significant individuals from the past.	Identify different types of sources (e.g. photographs, artefacts, stories, accounts) and use them to find out about the past. Discuss reliability of photos/accounts/stories. Compare pictures or photographs of people or events in the past. Compare two versions of a past event.	Observe or handle different sources to find answers to simple questions about the past, based on simple observations. Ask and answer questions about different sources to find out about the past. Choose sources and say how they can be used to find out about the past.	Communicate their knowledge through: - discussion - drawing pictures - writing - drama/role play - using ICT Use and understand historical vocabulary and vocabulary linked to each topic.
Year 3	Use dates and terms relating to the study unit and passing of time (e.g. Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic periods). Place the period being studied on a timeline, using dates or terms relating to it. Sequence several events, artefacts or historical figures on a timeline.	Compare the everyday lives of people in time studied to our life today. Identify reasons for and consequences of people's actions. Identify how people and events in the past have influenced life today.	Identify the different sources that can be used to represent a period and explain why it is represented in this way. Distinguish between different sources and begin to evaluate their usefulness. Compare two versions of the same story or event in history. Look at representations of the period (museums, cartoons etc).	Use a range of sources to find out about a period or historical event. (e.g. ceramics, pictures, documents, photographs, artefacts and historic sites). Observe small details - artefacts and pictures. Select and record information relevant to the study. Ask and answer questions about the past.	Communicate their knowledge through: - discussion - drawing pictures - different genres of writing (e.g. letters, recounts, diaries, poems, adverts etc.) - drama/role play - using ICT Use and understand historical vocabulary (e.g. ruled, reigned, empire, invasion, conquer, kingdoms).

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				Begin to use the library and internet for research.	Use and understand vocabulary specific to each topic.
Year 4	Place significant events from the period on a timeline. Use terms relating to the period and begin to date events. Sequence several artefacts or historical figures on a timeline. Understand that a timeline can be divided into BC (Before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini).	Use evidence to reconstruct life in the time studied and compare to life today. Identify key features and events of time studied. Look for links and effects in time studied. Explain reasons for and consequences of people's actions. Explain how people and events in the past have influenced life today.	Look at the different types of evidence available and explain why the information each source gives us might be different. Evaluate the usefulness of different sources. Compare two or more versions of the same story or event in history. Use textbooks and historical knowledge.	Use a range of sources to build up a picture of a period or historical event. (e.g. ceramics, pictures, documents, textbooks, photographs, artefacts, maps and historic sites). Choose relevant information to present a picture of one aspect of life in time past. Ask and answer a variety of questions about the past Use the library and internet for research.	Communicate their knowledge and understanding through: - discussion - drawing pictures - different genres of writing (e.g. letters, recounts, diaries, poems, adverts etc.) - drama/role play - using ICT Begin to present self-directed research about a studied period or event. Use and understand historical vocabulary (e.g. ruled, reigned, empire, invasion, conquer, kingdoms). Use and understand vocabulary specific to each topic.
Year 5	Use relevant terms and period labels (e.g. Early Middle Ages). Place an increasing number of significant events on a timeline. Know and sequence significant events from the period. Make comparisons between different times in history.	Compare different aspects of life for different people in a period (e.g. men and women). Compare life in early and late 'period' studied. Compare an aspect of life with another time period. Explain the causes and results of great historical events and the impact on people.	Find and analyse a wide range of evidence about the past. Compare accounts of events from different sources — fact or fiction. Offer some reasons for different versions of events. Begin to understand the difference between primary and secondary sources and the impact of this on reliability.	Use a wide range of sources to build up a picture of a period or historical event (e.g. ceramics, pictures, posters, documents textbooks, photographs, artefacts, statues, maps and historic sites). Begin to identify primary and secondary sources. Select relevant information to give detailed, informed accounts or responses to questions. Confidently use the library and internet for research.	Recall, organise and communicate their knowledge and understanding through: - discussion/debate - drawing diagrams - different genres of writing (e.g. letters, recounts, diaries, poems, adverts etc.) - drama/role play - using ICT Present self-directed research about a studied period or event. Use and understand historical vocabulary including abstract terms (e.g. democracy, civilization, social, political, economic, cultural, religious). Use and understand vocabulary specific to each topic.

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Year 6

Use relevant dates and terms to describe historical events.

Place current period of study on a timeline in relation to other studies.

Place up to 10 significant events on a timeline.

Know and sequence significant events from the period.

Make more detailed comparisons between different times in history.

Compare different beliefs, attitudes and behaviour of people in a time period — recognising that not everyone shares the same views and feelings.

Compare beliefs, attitudes and behaviour with another time period.

Offer alternative explanations of cause and result of great historical events, using evidence to support their ideas.

Know key characters from the period studied.

Find and analyse a wide range of evidence about the past, including propaganda.

Link sources and work out how conclusions were arrived at.

Compare accounts of events from different sources and understand that different evidence will lead to different conclusions.

Consider ways of checking the accuracy of interpretations of the past – fact or fiction and opinion.

Understand the difference between primary and secondary sources and the impact of this on reliability.

Use a wide range of sources to build up a picture of a period or historical event (e.g. ceramics, pictures, posters, documents, online material, textbooks, photographs, artefacts, statues, maps and historic sites).

Suggest omissions and the means of finding out.

Recognise primary and secondary sources.

Select and gather relevant information from several sources to give detailed, informed accounts or responses to questions.

Recall, organise and communicate their knowledge and understanding through:

- discussion/debate
- drawing diagrams
- different genres of writing (e.g. letters, recounts, diaries, poems, adverts etc.)
- drama/role play
- using ICT

Plan and present self-directed research about a studied period or event.

Use and understand historical vocabulary including abstract terms (e.g. democracy, civilization, social, political, economic, cultural, religious).

Use and understand vocabulary specific to each topic.