

Progression of skills in History

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
Chronological understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sequence events in their life Sequence 3 or 4 artefacts from distinctly different periods of time Match objects to people of different ages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sequence artefacts closer together in time - check with reference book Sequence photographs etc. from different periods of their life Describe memories of key events in lives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place the time studied on a time line Use dates and terms related to the study unit and passing of time Sequence several events or artefacts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place events from period studied on time line Use terms related to the period and begin to date events Understand more complex terms eg BC/AD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know and sequence key events of time studied Use relevant terms and period labels Make comparisons between different times in the past 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place current study on time line in relation to other studies Use relevant dates and terms Sequence up to 10 events on a time line 	
Range and depth of historical knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognise the difference between past and present in their own and others lives They know and recount episodes from stories about the past. Know a significant event beyond living memory. Understand that things have changed in national life in the past 6 years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognise why significant individuals did things, why events happened and what happened as a result Identify similarities and differences between ways of life at different times. Understand that things have changed in the recent past. Understand a significant event globally. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out about every day lives of people in time studied Compare with our life today Identify reasons for and results of people's actions Understand why people may have wanted to do something. Understand a significant event; British, local and worldwide. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Understand a significant event; British, local and worldwide. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Understand a significant event; British, local and worldwide. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out about beliefs, behaviour and characteristics of people, recognising that not everyone shares the same views and feelings Compare beliefs and behaviour with another time studied Write another explanation of a past event in terms of cause and effect using evidence to support and illustrate their explanation Know key dates, characters and events of time studied Understand a significant event; British, local and worldwide. 	
Interpretations of history	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use stories to encourage children to distinguish between fact and fiction Compare adults talking about the past – how reliable are their memories? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compare 2 versions of a past event and know where to find the information from. Compare pictures or photographs of people or events in the past Discuss reliability of photos/ accounts/stories 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and give reasons for different ways in which the past is represented Distinguish between different sources – compare different versions of the same story Look at representations of the period – museum, cartoons etc. They should note connections over time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look at the evidence available Begin to evaluate the usefulness of different sources Use text books and historical knowledge. They should note connections over time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compare accounts of events from different sources – fact or fiction Offer some reasons for different versions of events. They should note connections, contrasts and trends over time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Link sources and work out how conclusions were arrived at Consider ways of checking the 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. They should note connections, contrasts and trends over time. 	
Historical enquiry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find answers to simple questions about the past from sources of information including stories e.g. artefacts, (see 4a). To know historical events people and places in own locality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a source – observe or handle sources to answer questions about the past on the basis of simple observations, including stories. To know historical events people and places in own locality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a range of sources including diaries 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 historically valid questions about change, similarity and difference. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use evidence including letters 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 and internet for research. Use historically valid questions about change, similarity and difference. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin to identify primary and secondary sources Use evidence to build up a picture of a past event Select relevant sections of information Use the library and internet for research with increasing confidence. Use historically valid questions about change, course, similarity, difference and significance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognise primary and secondary sources Use a range of sources to find out about an aspect of time past Suggest omissions and the means of finding out Bring knowledge gathered from several sources together in a fluent account. Use historically valid questions about change, course, similarity, difference and significance. 	
Organisation and communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use every day historical terms; past, present and future. <p>Communicate their knowledge through: Discussion.... Drawing pictures... Drama/role play.. Making models..... Writing.. Using ICT...</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use every day historical terms; centuries, era, period of time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall, select and organise historical information Communicate their knowledge and understanding. Use every day historical terms. 	<p>Progression of attainment e.g</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use every day historical terms.
Children working above average:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use every day historical terms 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use every day historical terms. Select and organise information to produce structured work, making appropriate use of dates and terms. (level 5) 	
Children working below average:							

