

## **Progression in History Skills**

|  | Year 1  | Year 2   | Year 3  | Year 4   | Year 5  | Year 6  |
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| Chronological<br>understanding                   | <ul> <li>Sequence events in their life</li> <li>Sequence 3 or 4 artefacts from<br/>distinctly different periods of time</li> <li>Match objects to people of<br/>different ages</li> </ul>       | <ul> <li>Sequence artefacts closer<br/>together in time - check with<br/>reference book</li> <li>Sequence photographs etc.<br/>from different periods of their life</li> <li>Describe memories of key events<br/>in lives</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Place the time studied on a time<br/>line</li> <li>Use dates and terms related to<br/>the study unit and passing of<br/>time</li> <li>Sequence several events or<br/>artefacts</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Place events from period studied<br/>on time line</li> <li>Use terms related to the period<br/>and begin to date events</li> <li>Understand more complex terms<br/>eg BC/AD</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Know and sequence key events<br/>of time studied</li> <li>Use relevant terms and period<br/>labels</li> <li>Make comparisons between<br/>different times in the past</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Place current study on time line<br/>in relation to other studies</li> <li>Use relevant dates and terms</li> <li>Sequence up to 10 events on a<br/>time line</li> </ul>  |
| Range and<br>depth of<br>historical<br>knowledge | <ul> <li>Recognise the difference<br/>between past and present in<br/>their own and others lives</li> <li>They know and recount episodes<br/>from stories about the past</li> </ul>             | <ul> <li>Recognise why people did<br/>things, why events happened<br/>and what happened as a result</li> <li>Identify differences between<br/>ways of life at different times</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Find out about every day lives of people in time studied</li> <li>Compare with our life today</li> <li>Identify reasons for and results of people's actions</li> <li>Understand why people may have wanted to do something</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Use evidence to reconstruct life<br/>in time studied</li> <li>Identify key features and events<br/>of time studied</li> <li>Look for links and effects in time<br/>studied</li> <li>Offer a reasonable explanation<br/>for some events</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Study different aspects of<br/>different people - differences<br/>between men and women</li> <li>Examine causes and results of<br/>great events and the impact on<br/>people</li> <li>Compare life in early and late<br/>'times' studied</li> <li>Compare an aspect of lie with<br/>the same aspect in another<br/>period</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Find out about beliefs, behaviour<br/>and characteristics of people,<br/>recognising that not everyone<br/>shares the same views and<br/>feeings</li> <li>Compare beliefs and behaviour<br/>with another time studied</li> <li>Write another explanation of a<br/>past event in terms of cause and<br/>effect using evidence to support<br/>and illustrate their explanation</li> <li>Know key dates, characters and<br/>events of time studied</li> </ul> |
| Interpretations<br>of history                    | <ul> <li>Use stories to encourage children<br/>to distinguish between fact and<br/>fiction</li> <li>Compare adults talking about<br/>the past – how reliable are their<br/>memories?</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Compare 2 versions of a past<br/>event</li> <li>Compare pictures or<br/>photographs of people or events<br/>in the past</li> <li>Discuss reliability of photos/<br/>accounts/stories</li> </ul>                             | <ul> <li>Identify and give reasons for<br/>different ways in which the past<br/>is represented</li> <li>Distinguish between different<br/>sources – compare different<br/>versions of the same story</li> <li>Look at representations of the<br/>period – museum, cartoons etc</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Look at the evidence available</li> <li>Begin to evaluate the usefulness<br/>of different sources</li> <li>Use text books and historical<br/>knowledge</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Compare accounts of events<br/>from different sources – fact or<br/>fiction</li> <li>Offer some reasons for different<br/>versions of events</li> </ul>  | Link sources and work out how<br>conclusions were arrived at     Consider ways of checking the<br>accuracy of interpretations –<br>fact or fiction and opinion     Be aware that different<br>evidence will lead to different<br>conclusions     Confidently use the library and<br>internet for research   |
| Historical<br>enquiry                            | <ul> <li>Find answers to simple questions<br/>about the past from sources of<br/>information e.g. artefacts, (see<br/>4a)</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Use a source – observe or<br/>handle sources to answer<br/>questions about the past on the<br/>basis of simple observations.</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Use a range of sources to find<br/>out about a period</li> <li>Observe small details – artefacts,<br/>pictures</li> <li>Select and record information<br/>relevant to the study</li> <li>Begin to use the library and<br/>internet for research</li> </ul>                       | <ul> <li>Use evidence to build up a picture of a past event</li> <li>Choose relevant material to present a picture of one aspect of life in time past</li> <li>Ask a variety of questions</li> <li>Use the library and internet for research</li> </ul>    | <ul> <li>Begin to identify primary and<br/>secondary sources</li> <li>Use evidence to build up a<br/>picture of a past event</li> <li>Select relevant sections of<br/>information</li> <li>Use the library and internet for<br/>research with increasing<br/>confidence</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Recognise primary and<br/>secondary sources</li> <li>Use a range of sources to find<br/>out about an aspect of time past</li> <li>Suggest omissions and the<br/>means of finding out</li> <li>Bring knowledge gathered from<br/>several sources together in a<br/>fluent account</li> </ul>  |
| Organisation<br>and<br>communication             | Communicate their knowledge the<br>Discussion<br>Drawing pictures<br>Drama/role play<br>Making models<br>Writing<br>Using ICT   | ough:  |   | Recall, select and organise historia     Communicate their knowledge ar  |   | <ul> <li>Select and organise information<br/>to produce structured work,<br/>making appropriate use of dates<br/>and terms.</li> </ul>  |