



# Progression of Knowledge and Skills – History



Our history planning aims to develop historical knowledge, skills and concepts which are transferable to whatever period of history is being studied and will equip children for future learning. These key historical skills and concepts, which are revisited throughout the different topics, are: Historical Interpretations; Historical Investigations; Chronological Understanding; Knowledge and Understanding of Events, People and Changes in the Past; Presenting, Organising and Communicating.

Below is the progression of skills that children will learn from EYFS until they leave us in Year 6.

EYFS History:			
<b>Nursery</b>	Personal, Social and Emotional Development		Understand they are a member of a family
	Communication and Language		Use vocabulary to describe themselves and their family, role play
	Literacy		Know books and print carry meaning
	Physical Development		Investigate real life artefacts
	Understand the World		Begin to make sense of their own life story and family. Recall people and events in living memory
	History/ past and present		Discuss people and events within living memory. Understand they are a member of a family
<b>Reception</b>	Personal, Social and Emotional Development		Build relationships and think about others, part of a family, part of a class community. Discuss people and events within living memory.
	Communication and Language		Ask questions to find out more about themselves and their family, role play and home area
	Literacy		Retell stories
	Physical Development		Choose resources when they are making
	Understand the World		Identify special members of the community and local events.
	Expressive Arts and Design	Creating with Materials	Use and explore different real-life objects, share resources and skills
	History/ past and present		Past within living memory, awareness of past through stories and own experience

HISTORICAL INTERPRETATIONS:						
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<p>Understanding of family</p> <p>Recall people and events in living memory.</p> <p>Identify special members of the community and local events.</p>	<p>Observe and use pictures, photographs and artefacts to find out about the past</p> <p>Explain that there are different types of evidence and sources, such as photographic and written, that can be used to help represent the past</p>	<p>Start to understand that there can be different versions of the same event from the past</p> <p>Observe and use pictures, photographs and artefacts to find out about the past</p> <p>Start to use stories or accounts to distinguish between fact and fiction</p> <p>Explain that there are different types of evidence and sources, such as photographic and written, that can be used to help represent the past</p>	<p>Look at two versions of the same event or story in history and identify differences</p> <p>Investigate different accounts of historical events and be able to explain some of the reasons why the accounts may be different</p> <p>Begin to understand some of the ways in which historians and others investigate the past</p>	<p>Look at two versions of the same event or story in history and identify differences</p> <p>Investigate different accounts of historical events and be able to explain some of the reasons why the accounts may be different</p> <p>Begin to understand some of the ways in which historians and others investigate the past</p>	<p>Find and analyse a wide range of evidence about the past</p> <p>Use a range of evidence to offer some clear reasons for different interpretations of events, linking this to factual understanding about the past</p> <p>Consider different ways of checking the accuracy of interpretations of the past</p> <p>Start to understand the difference between primary and secondary evidence and start to question its reliability</p> <p>Know that people in the past represent events or ideas in a way that may be to persuade others</p>	<p>Find and analyse a wide range of evidence about the past</p> <p>Use a range of evidence to offer some clear reasons for different interpretations of events, linking this to factual understanding about the past</p> <p>Consider different ways of checking the accuracy of interpretations of the past</p> <p>Start to understand the difference between primary and secondary evidence and start to question its reliability</p> <p>Show an awareness of the concept of propaganda</p> <p>Know that people in the past represent events or ideas in a</p>

					<p>Continue to develop their understanding of how historians and others investigate the past</p>	<p>way that may be to persuade others</p> <p>Continue to develop their understanding of how historians and others investigate the past</p>
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HISTORICAL INVESTIGATIONS:						
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	<p>Observe or handle evidence to ask simple questions about the past</p> <p>Observe or handle evidence to find answers to simple questions about the past on the basis of simple observations</p> <p>Sort some objects/artefacts into new and old and then and now</p>	<p>Observe or handle evidence to ask simple questions about the past</p> <p>Observe or handle evidence to find answers to simple questions about the past on the basis of simple observations</p> <p>Use evidence to explain the key features of events</p> <p>Sort some objects/artefacts into new and old and then and now</p>	<p>Use a range of primary and secondary sources to find out about the past</p> <p>Construct informed responses about one aspect of life or a key event in the past through careful selection and organisation of relevant historical information</p> <p>Gather more detail from sources such as maps to build up a clearer picture of the past</p> <p>Regularly address and sometimes devise own questions to find answers about the past</p> <p>Begin to undertake their own research</p>	<p>Use a range of primary and secondary sources to find out about the past</p> <p>Construct informed responses about one aspect of life or a key event in the past through careful selection and organisation of relevant historical information</p> <p>Gather more detail from sources such as maps to build up a clearer picture of the past</p> <p>Regularly address and sometimes devise own questions to find answers about the past</p> <p>Begin to undertake their own research</p>	<p>Recognise when they are using primary and secondary sources of information to investigate the past</p> <p>Use a wide range of different evidence to collect evidence about the past, such as ceramics, pictures, documents, printed sources, posters, online material, photographs, artefacts, historic statues, figures, sculptures, historic sites</p> <p>Select relevant sections of information to address historically valid questions and construct detailed, informed responses</p> <p>Investigate their own lines of enquiry by posing historically valid questions to answer</p>	<p>Recognise when they are using primary and secondary sources of information to investigate the past</p> <p>Use a wide range of different evidence to collect evidence about the past, such as ceramics, pictures, documents, printed sources, posters, online material, photographs, artefacts, historic statues, figures, sculptures, historic sites</p> <p>Select relevant sections of information to address historically valid questions and construct detailed, informed responses</p> <p>Investigate their own lines of enquiry by posing historically valid questions to answer</p>

**CHRONOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING:**

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	<p>Sequence artefacts and events that are close together in time</p> <p>Order dates from earliest to latest on simple timelines</p> <p>Sequence pictures from different periods</p> <p>Describe memories and changes that have happened in their own lives</p> <p>Use words and phrases (such as old, new, earliest, latest, past, present, future, century, new, newest, old, oldest, modern, before and after) to show the passing of time</p>	<p>Sequence artefacts and events that are close together in time</p> <p>Order dates from earliest to latest on simple timelines</p> <p>Sequence pictures from different periods</p> <p>Use words and phrases (such as old, new, earliest, latest, past, present, future, century, new, newest, old, oldest, modern, before and after) to show the passing of time</p>	<p>Sequence several events, artefacts or historical figures on a timeline using dates, including those that are sometimes further apart, and terms related to the unit being studied and passing of time</p> <p>Understand that a timeline can be divided into BC (Before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini)</p>	<p>Sequence several events, artefacts or historical figures on a timeline using dates, including those that are sometimes further apart, and terms related to the unit being studied and passing of time</p> <p>Understand that a timeline can be divided into BC (Before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini)</p>	<p>Order an increasing number of significant events, movements and dates on a timeline using dates accurately</p> <p>Understand how some historical events/periods occurred concurrently in different locations, e.g., Indus Valley and Ancient Egypt</p>	<p>Order an increasing number of significant events, movements and dates on a timeline using dates accurately</p> <p>Accurately use dates and terms to describe historical events</p>

KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF EVENTS AND PEOPLE IN THE PAST:						
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	<p>Know and recount episodes from stories and significant events in history</p> <p>Describe significant individuals from the past</p>	<p>Know and recount episodes from stories and significant events in history</p> <p>Understand that there are reasons why people in the past acted as they did</p> <p>Describe significant individuals from the past</p>	<p>Find out about the everyday lives of people in time studied compared with our life today</p> <p>Explain how people and events in the past have influenced life today</p> <p>Identify key features, aspects and events of the time studied</p> <p>Describe connections and contrasts between aspects of history, people, events and artefacts studied</p>	<p>Find out about the everyday lives of people in time studied compared with our life today</p> <p>Explain how people and events in the past have influenced life today</p> <p>Identify key features, aspects and events of the time studied</p> <p>Describe connections and contrasts between aspects of history, people, events and artefacts studied</p>	<p>Identify and note connections, contrasts and trends over time in the everyday lives of people</p> <p>Use appropriate historical terms such as culture, religious, social, economic and political when describing connections, contrasts and trends over time</p> <p>Describe the key features of the past, including attitudes, beliefs and the everyday lives of men, women and children</p>	<p>Identify and note connections, contrasts and trends over time in the everyday lives of people</p> <p>Use appropriate historical terms such as culture, religious, social, economic and political when describing connections, contrasts and trends over time</p> <p>Describe the key features of the past, including attitudes, beliefs and the everyday lives of men, women and children</p>

PRESENTING, ORGANISING AND COMMUNICATING:						
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	<p>Talk, write and draw about things from the past</p> <p>Use historical vocabulary to retell simple stories about the past</p>	<p>Talk, write and draw about things from the past</p> <p>Use historical vocabulary to retell simple stories about the past</p>	<p>Present, communicate and organise ideas about the past including simple written narratives (stories of an event in the past that could be made up of diaries, speeches or letters. These could also be autobiographies)</p> <p>Start to present ideas based on their own research about a studied period</p>	<p>Present, communicate and organise ideas about the past including simple written narratives (stories of an event in the past that could be made up of diaries, speeches or letters. These could also be autobiographies)</p> <p>Start to present ideas based on their own research about a studied period</p>	<p>Present, communicate and organise ideas about the past using detailed discussions, debates and more detailed written narratives</p> <p>Plan and present a self-directed project or research about the studied period</p>	<p>Present, communicate and organise ideas about the past using detailed discussions, debates and more detailed written narratives</p>

## SUBSTANTIVE CONCEPTS AND HISTORICAL VOCABULARY:

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	<p>Start to show some basic understanding of substantive concepts, such as monarchy, parliament, war, voyage, society</p> <p>Talk and write about things from the past using some historical vocabulary</p>	<p>Start to show some basic understanding of substantive concepts, such as monarchy, parliament, war, voyage, society</p> <p>Talk and write about things from the past using some historical vocabulary</p>	<p>Build on prior knowledge to start to gain further understanding of substantive concepts</p> <p>Understand an increasing range of appropriate historical vocabulary and use this to talk about the past and communicate information</p>	<p>Build on prior knowledge to start to gain further understanding of substantive concepts</p> <p>Understand an increasing range of appropriate historical vocabulary and use this to talk about the past and communicate information</p>	<p>Continue to build on prior knowledge to gain a more detailed understanding of a wider range of substantive concepts</p> <p>Start to recognise that some concepts, such as technology, will be different across different periods of history</p> <p>Continue to build a bank of appropriate historical vocabulary and use this to talk about the past and communicate information</p>	<p>Continue to build on prior knowledge to gain a more detailed understanding of a wider range of substantive concepts</p> <p>Start to recognise that some concepts, such as technology, will be different across different periods of history</p> <p>Continue to build a bank of appropriate historical vocabulary and use this to talk about the past and communicate information</p>



CONTINUITY AND CHANGE:						
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	<p>Begin to identify old and new things across periods of time through pictures, photographs and objects</p> <p>Begin to understand that some things change and some things stay nearly the same</p>	<p>Begin to identify old and new things across periods of time through pictures, photographs and objects</p> <p>Begin to understand that some things change and some things stay nearly the same</p>	<p>Identify key things that stayed the same between periods</p> <p>Identify key things that changed between periods</p> <p>Start to explain the impact of some changes that have happened throughout different periods of time</p> <p>Identify that there are reasons for continuities and changes across periods of time and explain some of these</p>	<p>Identify key things that stayed the same between periods</p> <p>Identify key things that changed between periods</p> <p>Start to explain the impact of some changes that have happened throughout different periods of time</p> <p>Identify that there are reasons for continuities and changes across periods of time and explain some of these</p> <p>Start to understand that there are times in history when change happens suddenly</p>	<p>Understand and describe in some detail the main changes to an aspect of a period in history</p>	<p>Explain why some periods in history may have had more changes (e.g post-war Britain) and some may have had more continuity</p> <p>Understand that there are times in history when change happens suddenly and these moments of change can be referred to as 'turning points' in history</p> <p>Understand and describe in some detail the main changes to an aspect of a period in history</p>

CAUSE AND CONSEQUENCE:						
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<p>Looking at family photographs, old &amp; present day.</p> <p>New toys and older toys</p>	<p>Explain that historical events are caused by things that occurred before them</p>	<p>Understand that a cause makes something happen and that historical events have causes</p> <p>Explain that historical events are caused by things that occurred before them</p> <p>Understand that a consequence is something that happens as a result of something else</p>	<p>Understand that a cause is something directly linked to an event and not just something that happened before it</p> <p>Start to understand that there are short and long-term causes of events</p> <p>Explain a series of directly related events that happened in the lead up to a historical event</p> <p>Begin to understand that historical events create changes that have consequences</p> <p>Understand that a consequence is something that happens as a direct result of something else</p> <p>Understand that historical events have consequences that</p>	<p>Understand that a cause is something directly linked to an event and not just something that happened before it</p> <p>Start to understand that there are short and long-term causes of events</p> <p>Comment on the importance of the different causes for some key events</p> <p>Explain a series of directly related events that happened in the lead up to a historical event</p> <p>Begin to understand that historical events create changes that have consequences</p> <p>Understand that a consequence is something that happens as a direct</p>	<p>Understand that the consequences of one historical event can sometimes become the causes of another, e.g., the consequences at the end of the First World War being cited as one cause of the Second World War</p>	<p>Examine in more detail the short and long-term causes of an event being studied</p> <p>Understand that one event can have multiple consequences that impact on many countries and civilisations</p> <p>Understand that the consequences of one historical event can sometimes become the causes of another, e.g., the consequences at the end of the First World War being cited as one cause of the Second World War</p> <p>Address and devise historical questions about cause and consequence</p>

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<b>SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES:</b>						
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6

<p>Looking at family photographs, old &amp; present day.</p> <p>New toys and older toys</p>	<p>Start to understand that during the same period of time, life was different for people in the past, such as rich and poor, male and female</p> <p>Identify that some things within living memory are similar and some things are different</p> <p>Recognise some similarities and differences between the past and the present</p>	<p>Start to understand that during the same period of time, life was different for people in the past, such as rich and poor, male and female</p> <p>Recognise some similarities and differences between the past and the present</p>	<p>Identify and give some examples of how life was different for different people in the same and different periods of time, such as different rights, different religious beliefs</p> <p>Identify and give some examples of how life was similar in the past</p>	<p>Identify and give some examples of how life was different for different people in the same and different periods of time, such as different rights, different religious beliefs</p> <p>Identify and give some examples of how life was similar in the past</p>	<p>Explain and give varied examples of how life was similar and different in the past</p> <p>Explain and give examples to show that things may have been different from place to place at the same time</p> <p>Start to give reasons for these similarities and differences</p>	<p>Explain and give varied examples of how life was similar and different in the past</p> <p>Explain and give examples to show that things may have been different from place to place at the same time</p> <p>Start to give reasons for these similarities and differences</p>
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<b>HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:</b>						
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6

<p>Looking at family photographs, old &amp; present day.</p> <p>New toys and older toys</p>	<p>Explain reasons why someone might be significant</p> <p>Talk about why a person was important</p>	<p>Explain reasons why someone might be significant</p> <p>Talk about why a person was important</p> <p>Talk about why the event was important and what happened</p>	<p>Begin to understand that historical significance is a decision that people living in modern times make about what they feel are important aspects of the past</p> <p>Understand that historical significance can be related to specific events, people, locations and ideas that are seen as being particularly important to us</p> <p>Identify historically significant people and events from a period of history and give some more detail about what they did or what happened</p>	<p>Begin to understand that historical significance is a decision that people living in modern times make about what they feel are important aspects of the past</p> <p>Understand that historical significance can be related to specific events, people, locations and ideas that are seen as being particularly important to us</p> <p>Identify historically significant people and events from a period of history and give some more detail about what they did or what happened</p>	<p>Identify a range of historically significant people and events from different periods of history and explain why they were significant</p> <p>Identify historically significant people and events from a period of history and give some detail about what they did/what happened and what impact it had</p>	<p>Understand that what we consider to be significant can change throughout different periods</p> <p>Start to explain the importance of an event using the following criteria: significant individually, regionally, nationally or globally</p> <p>Identify a range of historically significant people and events from different periods of history and explain why they were significant</p> <p>Identify historically significant people and events from a period of history and give some detail about what they did/what happened and what impact it had</p>
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<b>Historical Visits/Trips &amp; Workshops:</b>						
EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6

Local church	V & A Toy Museum	Local War Memorial	Ufton Court	Ufton Court	Ufton Court Residential	Residential Trip to Paris
Familiar local buildings	Transport Museum	Chiswick House	British Museum	Hampton Court	British Museum	Mayan Workshop
		Hogarth's House	Roman Day & Costumed Interpretation	Hogarth House...Locality	London Dungeon	Cabinet Rooms
						Bletchley Park