

Progression of Skills in History

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Historical	To recognise	To develop	To develop	To identify and	To identify	To evaluate	To compare
Interpretations	different	own	own	give reasons	differences	the usefulness	accounts of
	people,	interpretation	interpretation	for the	between	of historical	events from
	notice	when looking	from	different ways	different	sources.	different
	different	at artefacts.	photographs	the past is	sources and		sources.
	things when		and written	represented.	give reasons for	To evaluate	
	the subject	To identify	sources.		the ways in	the	To understand
	is the same.	different ways		To evaluate	which they	interpretation	that different
		to represent	To identify	the usefulness	represent the	made by	evidence
	To identify	the past; eg	that the past	of different	past.	historians.	creates
	that the past	photos,	can be	sources.			different
	can be	drawings,	represented		To explore		conclusions.
	represented	stories.	in eye-		representations		
	in a variety		witness		from a period;		
	of ways.		accounts.		eg		
					archaeological,		
					museum,		
					cartoons,		
					books.		
Historical	To decide	To interpret	To make	To recognise	To ask, and	To evaluate	To make
	whether	evidence by		similarities	answer, the	conclusions	
Investigations	wiletilei	evidence by	simple	Similarities	answer, the	CONCLUSIONS	complex

	photographs or images depict the past.	making simple deductions and inferences. To describe the main features of concrete evidence of the past, or historical evidence; eg pictures, artefacts, buildings.	conclusions about a question using historical evidence to support. To make links and connections across a unit of study.	and differences between past events and today. To understand and make deductions from documentary as well as concrete evidence.	question, "How do we know?" To understand that there may be multiple conclusions to a historical enquiry question.	and identify ways in which to improve them. To challenge existing interpretations of the past using explanations of evidence.	interpretations using more than one source of evidence. To reach conclusions which are complex and substantiated by a range of sources.
Chronological Understanding	To sequence events when describing a daily routine or story events. To use words and phrases for the passage of time.	To sequence several events in their own lifetime. To record on a timeline some historical stories heard orally.	To sequence up to six photographs focussing on the time period in between. To recognise how long events studied last.	To sequence events on a timeline combining those studied in KS1. To understand history is divided into specific historical	To sequence eight to ten historical artefacts, pictures or events. To notice connections and changes over a period of time.	To sequence at least ten events on a timeline. To understand the term "century" and how dating by centuries works. To develop a chronological	To sequence events on a timeline, including the period of history, comparing them to where they fit in with events studied in previous year groups.

				periods; eg ancient times, middle ages, modern.		understanding of local, British and world history.	To compare and make connections between different contexts in the past.
Knowledge and Understanding of Events and People and Changes in the Past	To recall special people in their own lives.	To recall special events in their own lives. To know that some people and events are more special than others.	To know that historically significant people are those who have changed many people's lives. To know the impact of a historical event on society.	To know that historically significant events are those which changed many people's lives. To know that significant archaeological findings are those which change how we see the past.	To recall some important people and events. To identify who is important in historical sources and accounts.	To identify significant people and events across different time periods. To compare significant people and events across different time periods.	To explain the significance of people, events and developments. To know how historians select criteria for significance and the impact this has.
Presenting, Organising and Communicating	To make simple observations about the past from	To make simple observations about the	To identify a primary source. To evaluate the	To identify primary and secondary sources.	To extract appropriate information from a historical source.	To consider a range of factors when discussing the reliability of	To distinguish between fact and opinion. To use a range of different

photograph	s past from a	usefulness of	To select and	To compare and	sources; eg	historical
and images	source.	different	record	contrast	audience,	evidence to
	To use	sources to a	relevant	different	purpose,	dispute the
	different	historical	information	historical	accuracy,	ideas, claims
	sources to	enquiry.	from a range	sources.	creators of the	or
	answer		of sources to		source itself.	perspectives of
	questions.		answer a		To use	others.
			question.		different	
					sources to	
					make and	
					substantiate	
					historical	
					claims.	