

History Skills Progression

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Ask perceptive questions	Show an interest in the past. Begin to ask questions about artefacts, suggesting what they might be for.	Show an interest in the past. Begin to ask questions about artefacts, suggesting what they might be for.	Ask questions. Think how I might find out answers. Begin to develop skills to study history by hypothesising, questioning and investigating.	Ask questions. Think how I might find out answers. Begin to develop skills to study history by hypothesising, questioning and investigating.	Answer and devise my own historically valid questions.	Answer and devise my own historically valid questions.	Answer and devise my own historically valid questions. Devise questions about change, cause, similarity, difference and significance of people or events in a wider context.	Answer and devise my own historically valid questions. Devise questions about change, cause, similarity, difference and significance of people or events in a wider context.
Develop Perspective and Judgement	Begin to draw on their own experiences to share their ideas about events and peoples' lives	Begin to draw on their own experiences to share their ideas about events and peoples' lives	Choose and use parts of stories and other sources of information to show I know and understand key features of events or people's lives studied.	Choose and use parts of stories and other sources of information to show I know and understand key features of events or people's lives studied.	Offer some reasons for different versions of events. Compare accounts of events from different sources.	Offer some reasons for different versions of events. Compare accounts of events from different sources.	Link sources and work out how conclusions were arrived at.	Link sources and work out how conclusions were arrived at.
Make	Begin to compare and contrast historical figures and extracts from non- fiction texts.	Begin to compare and contrast historical figures and extracts from non-fiction texts.	Identify similarities and differences between ways of life at different times	Identify similarities and differences between ways of life at different times	Make connections / contrasts eg: change, cause, similarity, difference and significance between different times in the periods covered so far	Make connections / contrasts eg: change, cause, similarity, difference and significance between different times in the periods covered so far	Discuss trends over time/ make links between events/changes/see the relationship between different periods and the legacy or impact on me and my life.	Discuss trends over time/ make links between events/changes/see the relationship between different periods and the legacy or impact on me and my life.

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	Begin to make accurate comparisons between historical figures and objects.	Begin to make accurate comparisons between historical figures and objects.	Understand the importance of basing my ideas on evidence.	Understand the importance of basing my ideas on evidence.	Construct informed responses by thoughtfully selecting and organising relevant historical information.	Construct informed responses by thoughtfully selecting and organising relevant historical information.	Evaluate and carefully select from a range of historical sources to find relevant historical information.	Evaluate and carefully select from a range of historical sources to find relevant historical information.
Weigh evidence					Begin to evaluate the usefulness of different sources.	Begin to evaluate the usefulness of different sources.	Know how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources and can select and organise relevant historical information from a range of historical sources. Bring knowledge gathered from several sources together in a fluent account. Consider ways of checking the accuracy of	Know how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources and can select and organise relevant historical information from a range of historical sources. Bring knowledge gathered from several sources together in a fluent account. Consider ways of checking the accuracy of
Wei							interpretations – fact, fiction, opinion. Aware that different evidence will lead to different conclusions.	interpretations – fact, fiction, opinion. Aware that different evidence will lead to different conclusions. Judge the value of sources and identify those that are useful for answering a question. Identify/make detailed use of sources of information to help me reach and support a conclusion.

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Analysis and use of sources	Find answers to simple questions from texts or pictures. Look at or touch objects from the past and comment on its appearance	Find answers to simple questions from texts or pictures. Look at or touch objects from the past and comment on its appearance	Analyse artefacts Understand some of the ways in which we find out about the past. Tell you a few ways the past has been presented or described. Develop an awareness of the past and can comment on what or how I found things out.	Analyse artefacts Understand some of the ways in which we find out about the past. Tell you a few ways the past has been presented or described. Develop an awareness of the past and can comment on what or how I found things out.	Use one or more sources of information to help me answer questions about the past in sentences. Begin to identify primary and secondary sources. Distinguish between different sources – compare different versions of the same story.	Use one or more sources of information to help me answer questions about the past in sentences. Begin to identify primary and secondary sources. Distinguish between different sources – compare different versions of the same story.	Make perceptive deductions about the reliability of sources. Recognise primary and secondary sources. Use a range of sources to find out about an aspect of time past.	Make perceptive deductions about the reliability of sources. Recognise primary and secondary sources. Use a range of sources to find out about an aspect of time past.