Whole School

Progression of Knowledge & Skills -

History

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Chronological	To place events	Use words and	Use words and	Put events,	Use	Develop an	Describe the main
Knowledge and	(pictures or text) in	phrases relevant	phrases such as	places and	mathematical	increasingly	changes in a period in
Understanding	order.	to the past; old,	before, after, past,	people on a	knowledge to	secure	history and place them in
		new, a long time	present, then and	timeline	work out how	chronological	the correct order.
	To place numbers in	ago.	now.	(matching dates)	long-ago events	knowledge of	
	order				took place.	local, British and	Summarise the main
		Recognise that	Understand where	Use words and		world history,	events from a period of
	To use words that	some objects	people and events	phrases related	Identify some	using dates.	history, explaining the
	indicate past	belong in the	fit within a	to a specific	main events from		order of events and what
		past.	chronological	period.	a period of	Order a greater	happened.
	To identify how they		timeline.		history (add some	number of	
	have changed	Begin to		Understand	relevant detail	significant	
		understand	Sequence	more complex	about them) and	events,	
	To identify things that	where people	photographs and	terms eg BCE/CE	order them	movements and	
	are from the past/old	and events fit on	objects on a			dates on a	
	, ,	a timeline.	timeline.		Develop an	timeline.	
	Start to use words and				increasingly		
	phrases such as	Recount changes			secure		
	before, after, past,	within living			chronological		
	present, then and	memory.			knowledge of		
	now.	,			local, British and		
					world history,		
	To comment on				using dates.		
	images of familiar				0		
	situations in the past.						
Historical	Sort some objects into	Begin to identify	Describe similarities	Identify	Identify if a piece	Begin to identify	Select relevant sections
Enquiry, Using	new and old	different ways	and differences	different	of evidence is	primary and	of historical information
Evidence and		we can find out	between artefacts	sources that	first-hand or	secondary	to answer a
Communicating Ideas		about the past		have given them	someone's view.	sources.	question/enquiry
		(e.g. photos,	Sort some	information			
		stories, adults	objects/artefacts	about the period	Use evidence	Identify different	
		talking about the	between then and	they are	from a source to	evidence that	
			now	studying.	answer a		

		past, artefacts/objects)	Look at pictures and photos to identify things from the past	Identify details in pictures and artefacts.	question or support an answer	supports a point they are making	
Interpretations of History	Understand people have had different experiences Understand people have different things. Understand people might like different things.	Identify different ways in which the past is represented.	Identify that two people could explain something differently or retell a story in a different way.	Understand that different versions of the past may exist.	Begin to consider why there are different versions of events (fact or fiction). That these may vary depending upon a person's place/role/side in history.	Understand that different versions of the past may exist and give reasons why. Compare accounts of events from different sources.	Explain why there are different versions of events (fact or fiction). That these may vary depending upon a person's place/role/side in history. Make connections between different sources of evidence and identify the different interpretations. Understand the importance of checking the accuracy of interpretations/evidence
Continuity and change in and between periods	Can talk about: Changes that have happened to themselves	Can begin to identify old and new things in a picture	Can begin to identify what was different and what was the same when their parents and grandparents were children	Can identify between and within periods: Things that stayed the same Things that changed Make links between events over time.	Begin to note the similarities and differences: • within current period of history being studied • when current period of history being studied is compared to previous periods that have been studied	Can identify and explain within and between periods of history • key changes • similarities	Can identify and explain within and between periods of history • why certain changes were important • any subtle differences between similarities • how changes may have been different in different places during the same period of history

Cause and consequence	Question why things happen and give explanations Begin to identify what made something happen	Begin to recognise that significant events happened because of a cause	Begin to understand that aspects of life changed following an event	Identify reasons for and results of people's actions understand why people may have had to do something Look for links and effects in time studied offer a reasonable explanation for some events	Address and devise historical questions about cause Comment on the importance of cause and effects for some key events.	Examine causes and results of great events and the impact on people	Explain a historically significant event in terms of cause and effect using evidence to support and illustrate their explanation know key dates, characters and events of time studied identify and explain short and long term causes of events
Similarity, difference and themes within a period or situation	Know about similarities and differences between: • themselves and others • families • communities • traditions Compare and contrast characters from stories including figures from the past.	Start to understand life was different for different people in the past: • rich and poor • male and female	Start to understand that life may have been different in different places at the same time	Identify with some examples how life was different for different people in the past: • rich and poor • male and female • different cultures and races • different religions	Identify with some examples that life may have been different in different places at the same time	Explain (and give examples) how life was different for different people in the past: • rich and poor • male and female • different cultures and races • different religions	Explain (and give examples) that life may have been different in different places at the same time. Explain reasons for these differences or explain the reasons other give.
Significance of events and people	Recognise and describe a special object. Talk about members of their immediate	Talk about who or what was important (eg in simple historical account).	Talk about why they (who or what) were important and what changed/happened	Identify historically significant people and events from a period of history	Begin to identify why what significant people did (or what happened) was important	Accurately identify why what significant people did (or what happened) was important and	Describe and explain why what significant people did (or what happened) was important and how it changed things for people.

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community.	dic	d/happened.	changed things	things for people.	
			for people.		
Name and describe					
people that are					
familiar to them.					