

HISTORY PROGRESSION OF SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

Introduction

The History Progression of skills and knowledge gives an overview of the skills and knowledge covered in each phase and strand and how these skills are developed in order to enable pupils to reach the end of key stage outcomes outlined in the National curriculum. Topic knowledge is covered in each of our units, helping pupils to understand the period being studied, however this knowledge is not necessarily progressive and the need to memorise this knowledge may not extend beyond the topic in question. It has not been included in this document for this reason. Topic knowledge (or 'fingertip knowledge as it is referred to in the Ofsted research review series: history) does have an important role in history learning however as it enables pupils to develop their Chronological awareness and understanding of Substantive concepts in different contexts.

Historical Concepts:

Chronological Awareness	Change & Continuity	Cause & Consequence	Similarities & Differences	Historical Significance	Historical Interpretations	Historical Enquiry
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Understanding language related to chronology Building a mental timeline of the chronological order of periods Developing awareness of general features of periods Knowing particular dates and events	Disciplinary Concepts					Posing a historical question Gathering, organising and evaluating evidence Interpreting findings, analysing and making connections Evaluating and drawing conclusions Communicating findings

HISTORY PROGRESSION OF	CHRONOLOGICAL AWARENESS			
KNOWLEDGE				
EYFS		KS1 Y1/2		
To know that someone's age is the time since they were	To know that a timeli	ne shows the order events in the past		
born.	happened.			
To know that they started life as a baby but have since	To know that we star	t by looking at 'now' on a timeline then look		
grown and changed.	back.			
To know that some people are older than others.	To know that 'the pas	st' is events that have already happened.		
To know that parents are older than children and	To know that 'the pre	sent' is time happening now.		
grandparents are older than parents.	To know that within l	ving memory is 100 years.		
To know some language for talking about the passing of	To know that beyond	living memory is more than 100 years ago. To know that events in		
time and events that have already happened, even if	history may last diffe	rent amounts of time.		
used inaccurately. (before, yesterday, last week, last	To know a decade is ten years.			
year).		-		
LKS2 Y3/4		UKS2 Y5/6		
To know that history is divided into periods of history e.g. ancie	nt times, middle ages	To understand the term "century" and how dating by centuries works.		
and modern.		(e.g. the 1500s are known as the16th century)		
To know that we can use dates to work out the interval betweer	n periods of time and	To know relevant dates and relevant terms for the period and period		
the duration of historical events or periods.		labels e.g.Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age, Romans, Anglo-Saxons,		
To know that BC means 'before Christ' and is the term used to a Jesus was born.	date the years before	Vikings, Romans, Tudors, Greeks, Aztecs, and Victorians.		
To know that AD means Anno Domini and can be used to show	years from the year			
1AD.				
To know that prehistory is the period of time before written met until the Roman invasion in AD43.	hods and stretches			
To know that prehistory is divided into the Paleolithic, Mesolith	ic, Neolithic, Bronze			
Age and Iron Age.				
	To know that the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age periods are named after the			
materials that were commonly used to make tools.				
To know that the Tudor period is the name of the period from 14	185-1603 as this was			
when the Tudor family were the ruling family in England.				
To know that the Victorian period is the period 1833-1901 and r the years that Queen Victoria ruled.	oughly coincides with			

HISTORY PROGRESSION OF SKILLS	CHRONOLOGICAL AWARENESS			
EYFS		KS1 Y1/2		
daily routines, events in a story) Using common words ar		ur events in their own life (e.g. birthday, starting school, starting Year 1). and phrases for the passing of time (e.g. now, long ago, then, before,after). ur artefacts/photographs from different periods of time.		
Beginning to use common words and phrases for the passage of time, even if using inaccurately (e.g. yesterday, today, tomorrow, last week, "when I was in nursery") Recounting activities that happened in their past using photos as a prompt.	Recording on a timeline Sequencing up to six pl Placing events on a tim Beginning to recognise	mple timeline. he a sequence of historical stories heard orally. photographs, focusing on the intervals between events. neline, building on times studied in Year 1. e how long each event lasted. e/events studied fit into a chronological framework		
LKS2 Y3/4		UKS2 Y5/6		
Sequencing events on a timeline, referring to times studied in KS1 to see where these fit in. Understanding that history is divided into periods of history e.g. ancient times, middle ages and modern. Using dates to work out the interval between periods of time and the duration of historical events or periods. Using BC/AD/Century. Sequencing eight to ten artefacts, historical pictures or events. Beginning to develop a chronologically secure knowledge of local, British and world history across the periods studied. Placing the time studied on a timeline. Using dates and terms related to the unit and passing of time e.g. millennium, continuity and ancient. Noticing connections over a period of time.		Sequencing events on a timeline, comparing where it fits in with times studied in previous year groups. Understanding the term "century" and how dating by centuries works. Putting dates in the correct century. Using the terms AD and BC in their work. Using relevant dates and relevant terms for the period and period labels e.g.Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age, Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Vikings, Romans, Tudors, Greeks, Aztecs, and Victorians Developing a chronologically secure understanding of British, local and world history across the periods studied. Placing the time, period of history and context on a timeline. Relating current study on timeline to other periods of history studied. Comparing and making connections between different contexts in the past. Sequencing 10 events on a timeline.		

HISTORY P	ROGRESSION	OF KNOWLEDGE &	SKILLS DISCIF	LINARY CONCEPTS
	EYFS	KS1 Y1/2	LKS2 Y3/4	UKS2 Y5/6
	Recalling special people in their own lives. Discussing who was important in a historical event. To know the names of people that are significant to their own lives.	Recalling special events in their own lives. Discussing who was important in a historical event. To know that some people and events are considered more 'special' or significant than others. To know that some events are more significant than others. To know the impact of a historical event on society. To know that 'historically significant' people are those who changed many people's lives.	Identifying reasons for change and reasons for continuities. Identifying what the situation was like before the change occurred. Comparing different periods of history and identifying changes and continuity. Describing the changes and continuity between different periods of history. Identifying the links between different societies. To know that change can be brought about by advancements in transport and travel. To know that change can be brought about by advancements in materials. To know that change can be brought about by advancements in transport and travel.	Making links between events and changes within and across different time periods / societies. Identifying the reasons for changes and continuity. Describing the links between main events, similarities and changes within and across different periods/studied. Describing the links between different societies. Explaining the reasons for changes and continuity using the vocabulary and terms of the period as well. Analysing and presenting the reasons for changes and continuity To know that change can be brought about by conflict. To know that change can be traced using the census.
CAUSE & CONSEQUENCE	Experiencing cause and effect in play - achieve through continuous provision.	Asking why things happen and beginning to explain why with support. Asking questions about why people did things, why events happened and what happened as a result. Recognising why people did things, why events happened and what happened as a result. To know that everyday objects have changed as new materials have been invented. To know that changes may come about because of improvements in technology	Identifying the consequences of events and the actions of people. Identifying reasons for historical events, situations and changes. To know that the actions of people can be the cause of change (eg. Lord Shaftesbury). To know that advancements in science and technology can be the cause of change	Giving reasons for historical events, the results of historical events, situations and changes. Starting to analyse and explain the reasons for, and results of historical events, situations and change. To know that members of society standing up for their rights can be the cause of change.

SIMILARITIES &	Beginning to recognise	Beginning to look for	Identifying similarities and differences	Describing similarities and differences
DIFFERENCES	similarities and	similarities and differences	between periods of history. Explaining	between social, cultural, religious and ethnic
	differences between	over time in their own lives.	similarities and differences between daily lives	diversity in Britain and the wider world.
	the past and today.	Identifying similarities and	of people in the past and today. Identifying	Making links with different time periods
	Using photographs and	difference between ways of life	similarities and differences between social,	studied.
	stories to compare the	at different times. Finding out	cultural, religious and ethnic diversity in	Describing change throughout time.
	past with the present	about people, events and	Britain and the wider world.	
	day.	beliefs in society. Making		
		comparisons with their own		
		lives. To know that there are		
		similarities and differences		
		between their lives today and		
		their lives in the past. To know		
		some similarities and		
		differences between the past		
		and their own lives. To know		
		that people celebrate special		
		events in different ways. To		
		know that everyday objects		
		have similarities and		
		differences with those used for		
		the same purpose in the past.		
		To know that there are		
		explanations for similarities		
		and differences between		
		children's lives now and in the		
		past.		
HISTORICAL	Recalling special	Recalling special events in their	Recalling some important people and events.	Identifying significant people and events
SIGNIFICANCE	people in their own	own lives. Discussing who was	Identifying who is important in historical	across different time periods.
	lives.	important in a historical event.	sources and accounts.	Comparing significant people and events
$\sqrt{N/z}$	To know the names of	To know that some people and	To know that significant archaeological	across different time periods.
A.	people that are	events are considered more	findings are those which change how we see	Explain the significance of events, people and
	significant	'special' or significant than	the past.	developments.
	to their own lives.	others.	To know that 'historically significant' events	To know how historians select criteria for
		To know that some events are	are those which changed many people's lives	significance and that this changes.
		more significant than others.	and had an impact for many years to come.	olgimeentoo and that this onangoo.
		To know the impact of a		
		historical event on society.		
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		To know that 'historically significant' people are those		
		who		
		changed many people's lives.		
HISTORICAL	Recognising that	Beginning to identify different	Identifying and giving reasons for different	Suggesting explanations for different versions
INTERPRETATIONS	different members of	ways to represent the past	ways in which the past is represented.	of events.
	the class may notice	(e.g. photos, stories).	Identifying the differences between different	Evaluating the usefulness of historical
/ fQ3;)	different things in	Developing their own	sources and giving reasons for the	sources.
کے تھر	photographs from	interpretations from historical	ways in which the past is represented.	Identifying how conclusions have been
	the past.	artefacts.	Exploring different representations from the	arrived at by linking sources.
	To begin to understand	Recognising different ways in	period e.g. archaeological evidence,	Developing strategies for checking the
	that the past can be	which the past is represented	museum evidence, cartoons and books.	accuracy of evidence.
	represented in	(including eye-witness	Evaluating the usefulness of different sources.	Addressing and devising historically valid
	photographs and	accounts).	To know that archaeological evidence has	questions.
	drawings	Comparing pictures or	limitations: it does not give all the	Understanding that different evidence creates
		photographs of people or	answers or tell us about the emotions of	different conclusions.
		events in the past.	people from the past.	Evaluating the interpretations made by
		Developing their own	To know that assumptions made by historians	historians.
		interpretations from	can change in the light of new evidence.	To know that we must consider a source's
		photographs and written		audience, purpose, creator and accuracy
		sources.		to determine if it is a reliable source.
		To know that the past can be		To understand that there are different
		represented in photographs. To		interpretations of historical figures and
		know that the past is		events.
		represented in different ways.		

HISTORY	PROGRESSION OF	SKILLS	HISTORICAL ENQUIRY		
	EYFS	KS1 Y1/2	LKS2 Y3/4	UKS2 Y5/6	
Interpreting findings, analysing and making connections	Making simple observations about the past from photographs and images.	Interpreting evidence by making simple deductions. Making simple inferences and deductions from sources of evidence. Describing the main features of concrete evidence of the past or historical evidence (e.g. pictures, artefacts and buildings). Making links and connections across a unit of study. Selecting and using sections of sources to illustrate and support answers.	Understanding that there are different ways to interpret evidence. Interpreting evidence in different ways. Understanding and making deductions from documentary as well as concrete evidence e.g. pictures and artefacts. Making links and connections across a period of time, cultures or groups. Asking the question "How do we know?"	Interpreting evidence in different ways using evidence to substantiate statements. Making increasingly complex interpretations using more than one source of evidence. Challenging existing interpretations of the past using interpretations of evidence. Making connections, drawing contrasts and analysing within a period and across time. Beginning to interpret simple statistical sources.	
Evaluating and drawing	Deciding whether photographs or images (e.g. from	Drawing simple conclusions to answer a question. Making	Understanding that there may be multiple conclusions to a historical enquiry	Reaching conclusions which are increasingly complex and substantiated by	
conclusions	stories) depict the past.	simple conclusions about a question using evidence to support.	question. Reaching conclusions that are substantiated by historical evidence. Recognising similarities and differences between past events and today.	a range of sources. Evaluating conclusions and identifying ways to improve conclusions.	
Communicating findings	Communicating findings by pointing to images and using simple language to explain their thoughts.	Communicating findings through discussion and timelines with physical objects/ pictures. Using vocabulary such as - old, new, long time ago. Discussing and writing about past events or stories in narrative or dramatic forms. Expressing a personal response to a historical story or event. (e.g. Saying, writing or drawing what they	Communicating knowledge and understanding through discussion, debates, drama, art and writing. Constructing answers using evidence to substantiate findings. Identifying weaknesses in historical accounts and arguments. Creating a simple imaginative reconstruction of a past event using the evidence available to draw, model, dramatise, write or retell the story. Creating a structured response or narrative to answer a historical enquiry.	Communicating knowledge and understanding in an increasingly diverse number of ways, including discussion, debates, drama, art, writing, blog posts and podcasts. Showing written and oral evidence of continuity and change as well as indicting simple causation. Using historical evidence to create an imaginative reconstruction exploring the feelings of people from the time. Constructing structured and organised accounts using historical terms and	

		think it felt like in response to a historical story or event.) Communicating answers to questions in a variety of ways, including discussion, drama and writing (labelling, simple recount). Using relevant vocabulary in answers. Describing past events and people by drawing or writing. Expressing a personal response to a historical story or event through discussion, drawing our writing.	Describing past events orally or in writing, recognising similarities and differences with today.	relevant historical information from a range of sources. Constructing explanations for past events using cause and effect. Using evidence to support and illustrate claims.
Posing historical questions	Asking questions about the differences they can see in photographs or images (in stories) that represent the past.	Asking how and why questions based on stories, events and people. Asking questions about sources of evidence (e.g. artefacts). Asking a range of questions about stories, events and people. Understanding the importance of historically-valid questions.	Understanding how historical enquiry questions are structured. Creating historically-valid questions across a range of time periods, cultures and groups of people. Asking questions about the main features of everyday life in periods studied, e.g. how did people live. Creating questions for different types of historical enquiry. Asking questions about the bias of historical evidence	Planning a historical enquiry. Suggesting the evidence needed to carry out the enquiry. Identifying methods to use to carry out the research. Asking historical questions of increasing difficulty e.g. who governed, how and with what results? Creating a hypothesis to base an enquiry on. Asking questions about the interpretations, viewpoints and perspectives held by others.
Gathering, organising and evaluating evidence	Making simple observations about the past from photographs and images.	Using sources of information, such as artefacts, to answer questions. Drawing out information from sources. Making simple observations about the past from a source. Understanding how we use books and sources to	Using a range of sources to construct knowledge of the past. Defining the terms 'source' and 'evidence'. Extracting the appropriate information from a historical source. Selecting and recording relevant information from a range of sources to answer a question. Identifying primary and secondary sources. Identifying the bias of a source.	Using different sources to make and substantiate historical claims. Developing an awareness of the variety of historical evidence in different periods of time. Distinguishing between fact and opinion. Recognising 'gaps' in evidence. Identifying how sources with different perspectives can be used in a historical enquiry.

	find out about the past.	Comparing and contrasting different	Using a range of different historical
	Using a source to answer	historical sources	evidence to dispute the ideas, claims
	questions about the past.		or perspectives of others.
	Evaluating the usefulness of		Considering a range of factors when
	sources to a historical		discussing the reliability of sources,
	enquiry.		e.g. audience, purpose, accuracy, the
	Selecting information from a		creators of the source.
	source to answer a		
	question.		
	Identifying a primary source.		