History Progression Overview – Knowledge, Skills & Understanding

Chronological Understanding							
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
Can they put up to three	Can they use words and	Can they describe events	Can they plot recent	Can they use dates and	Can they say where a		
objects in chronological	phrases like: before I was	and periods using the	history on a timeline	historical language in	period of history fits on a		
order (recent history)?	born, when I was	words: BC, AD and	using centuries?	their work?	timeline?		
Can they use words and	younger?	decade?	Can they place periods of	Can they draw a timeline	Can they place a specific		
phrases like: old, new and	Can they use phrases and	Can they describe events	history on a timeline	with different time	event on a timeline by		
a long time ago?	words like: 'before',	from the past using dates	showing periods of time?	periods outlined which	decade?		
Can they tell me about	'after', 'past', 'present',	when things happened?	Can they use their	show different	Can they place features of		
things that happened	'then' and 'now'; in their	Can they describe events	mathematical skills to	information, such as,	historical events and		
when they were little?	historical learning?	and periods using the	round up time differences	periods of history, when	people from past		
Can they recognise that a	Can they use the words	words: ancient and	into centuries and	famous people lived, etc.?	societies and periods in a		
story that is read to them	past and present	century?	decades?	Can they use their	chronological framework?		
may have happened a	correctly?	Can they use a timeline		mathematical skills to			
long time ago?	Can they use a range of	within a specific time in		work exact time scales			
Do they know that some	appropriate words and	history to set out the		and differences as need			
objects belonged to the	phrases to describe the	order things may have		be?			
past?	past?	happened?					
Can they retell a familiar	Can they sequence a set	Can they use their					
story set in the past?	of events in chronological	mathematical knowledge					
Can they explain how	order and give reasons for	to work out how long ago					
they have changed since	their order?	events would have					
they were born?		happened?					

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Knowledge & Interpretation							
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
Do they appreciate that	Can they recount the life	Do they appreciate that	Can they explain how	Can they describe	Can they summarise the		
some famous people	of someone famous from	the early Brits would not	events from the past has	historical events from the	main events from a		
have helped our lives be	Britain who lived in the	have communicated as	helped shape our lives?	different period/s they	specific period in history,		
better today?	past giving attention to	we do or have eaten as	Do they appreciate that	are studying/have	explaining the order in		
Do they recognise that we	what that person did	we do?	wars have happened from	studied?	which key events		
celebrate certain events,	earlier and what they did	Can they begin to picture	a very long time ago and	Can they make	happened?		
such as bonfire night,	later?	what life would have	they are often associated	comparisons between	Can they summarise how		
because of what	Can they explain how	been like for the early	with invasion, conquering	historical periods;	Britain has had a major		
happened many years	their local area was	settlers?	or religious differences?	explaining things that	influence on world		
ago?	different in the past?	Can they recognise that	Do they know that people	have changed and things	history?		
Do they understand that	Can they recount some	Britain has been invaded	who lived in the past	which have stayed the	Can they summarise what		
we have a queen who	interesting facts from a	by several different	cooked and travelled	same?	Britain may have learned		
rules us and that Britain	historical event, such as	groups over time?	differently and used	Can they explain the role	from other countries and		
has had a king or queen	where the fire of London	Do they realise that	different weapons from	that Britain has had in	civilizations through time		
for many years?	started?	invaders in the past	ours?	spreading Christian values	gone by and more		
Can they begin to identify	Can they give examples of	would have fought	Do they recognise that	across the world?	recently?		
the main differences	things that are different	fiercely, using hand to	the lives of wealthy	Can they begin to	Can they describe		
between old and new	in their life from that of	hand combat?	people were very	appreciate that	features of historical		
objects?	their grandparents when	Can they suggest why	different from those of	parliament has made	events and people from		
Can they identify objects	they were young?	certain events happened	poor people?	major decisions for a long	past societies and periods		
from the past, such as	Can they explain why	as they did in history?	Do they appreciate how	period of time?	they have studied?		
vinyl record?	Britain has a special	Can they suggest why	items found belonging to	Do they appreciate that	Can they recognise and		
	history by naming some	certain people acted as	the past are helping us to	significant events in	describe differences and		
	famous events and some	they did in history?	build up an accurate	history have helped shape	similarities/ changes and		
	famous people?		picture of how people	the country we have	continuity between		
	Can they explain what is		lived in the past?	today?	different periods of		
	meant by a parliament?			Do they have a good	history?		
				understanding as to how			
				crime and punishment			
				has changed over the			
				years?			

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Historical Enquiry							
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Can they ask and answer	Can they find out	Do they recognise the	Can they research two	Can they test out a	Can they look at two		
questions about old and	something about the past	part that archaeologists	versions of an event and	hypothesis in order to	different versions and say		
new objects?	by talking to an older	have had in helping us	say how they differ?	answer a question?	how the author may be		
Can they spot old and	person?	understand more about	Can they research what it	Do they appreciate how	attempting to persuade		
new things in a picture?	Can they answer	what happened in the	was like for a child in a	historical artefacts have	or give a specific		
Can they answer	questions by using a	past?	given period from the	helped us understand	viewpoint?		
questions using a	specific source, such as an	Can they use various	past and use photographs	more about British lives in	Can they identify and		
artefact/ photograph	information book?	sources of evidence to	and illustrations to	the present and past?	explain their		
provided?	Can they research the life	answer questions?	present their findings?		understanding of		
Can they give a plausible	of a famous Briton from	Can they use various	Can they give more than		propaganda?		
explanation about what	the past using different	sources to piece together	one reason to support a		Can they describe a key		
an object was used for in	resources to help them?	information about a	historical argument?		event from Britain's past		
the past?	Can they research about a	period in history?	Can they communicate		using a range of evidence		
	famous event that	Can they research a	knowledge and		from different sources?		
	happens in Britain and	specific event from the	understanding orally and				
	why it has been	past?	in writing and offer points				
	happening for some	Can they use their	of view based upon what				
	time?	'information finding' skills	they have found out?				
	Can they research the life	in writing to help them					
	of someone who used to	write about historical					
	live in their area using the	information?					
	Internet and other	Can they, through					
	sources to find out about	research, identify					
	them?	similarities and					
		differences between					
		given periods in history?					