History Whole School Progression of Skills

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Chronological Understanding	1. Sequence events in their life. 2. Sequence 3 or 4 artefacts from distinctly different periods of time. 3. Match objects to people of different ages.	1. Sequence artefacts closer together in time - check with reference book 2. Sequence photographs etc. from different periods of their life. 3. Describe memories of key events in lives	1. Place the time studied on a time line 2. Sequence events or artefacts 3. Use dates and terms related to the study unit and passing of time	1. Place events from period studied on a time line 2. Use terms related to the period and begin to date events 3. Understand more complex terms e.g. BC/AD	1. Know and sequence key events of time studied 2. Use relevant terms and periods labels 3. Relate current studies to previous studies 4. make comparisons between different times in history	1. Place current study on time line in relation to other studies 2. Use relevant dates and terms 3. Sequence up to ten events on a time line
Range and depth of historical knowledge	1. Recognise the difference between past and present in their own and others lives. 2. They know and recount episodes from stories about the past.	1. Recognise why people did things, why events happened and what happened as a result. 2. Identify differences between ways of life at different times	1. Find out about everyday lives of people in time studied 2. Compare with our life today 3. Identify reasons for and results of people's actions 4. Understand why people may have had to do something	1. Use evidence to reconstruct life in time studied 2. Identify key features and events of time studied 3. Look for links and effects in time studied 4. Offer a reasonable explanation for some events	1. Study different aspects of life of different people – differences between men and women 2. Examine causes and results of great events and the impact on people 3. Compare life in early and late times studied 4. Compare an aspect of life with the same aspect in another period	1. Find about beliefs, behaviour and characteristics of people, recognising that not everyone shares the same views and feelings 2. Compare beliefs and behaviour with another period studied 3. Write another explanation of a past event in terms of cause and effect using evidence to support and illustrate their explanation 4. Know key dates, characters and events of time studied
Interpretations of history	1. Use stories to encourage children to distinguish between fact and fiction 2. Compare adults talking about the past – how reliable are their memories?	1. Compare 2 versions of a past event. 2. Compare pictures or photographs of people or events in the past 3. Discuss reliability of photos/ accounts/stories	1. Identify and give reasons for different ways in which the past is represented 2. Distinguish between different sources and evaluate their usefulness 3. Look at representations of the period – museum, cartoons, etc.	1. Look at the evidence available 2. Begin to evaluate the usefulness of different sources 3. Use of text books and historical knowledge	1. Compare accounts of events from different sources. Fact or fiction 2. Offer some reasons for different versions of events	1. Link sources and work out how conclusions were arrived at 2. Consider ways of checking the accuracy of interpretations – fact or fiction and opinion 3. Be aware that different evidence will lead to different conclusions 4. Confidently use of the library etc. for research
Historical enquiry	Find answers to simple questions about the past from sources of information e.g. artefacts, (see 4a)	Use a source – observe or handle sources to answer questions about the past on the basis of simple observations.	1. Use a range of sources to find out about a period 2. Observe small details- artefacts, pictures 3. Select and record information relevant to the study 4. Begin to use the library and internet for research	1. Use evidence to build up a picture of a past event. 2. Choose relevant material to present a picture of one aspect of life in time past. 3. Ask a variety of questions 4. Use the library and internet for research	1. Begin to identify primary and secondary sources 2. Use evidence to build up a picture of life in time studied 3. Select relevant sections of information 4. Confidently use the library, e-learning, research	1. Recognise primary and secondary sources 2. Use a range of sources to find out about an aspect of time past. 3. Suggest omissions and the means of finding out 4. Bring knowledge gathering from several sources together in a fluent account
Organisation and Communication	Communicate their knowledge through: Discussion, drawing pictures, drama/ role ply, making models, writing and using ICT	Communicate their knowledge through: Discussion, drawing pictures, drama/ role ply, making models, writing and using ICT	Communicate their knowledge through: Discussion, drawing pictures, drama/ role ply, making models, writing and using ICT	1. Recall, select and organise historical information 2. Communicate their knowledge and understanding	1. Recall, select and organise historical information 2. Communicate their knowledge and understanding	Select and organise information to produce structured work, making appropriate use of dates and terms.