

Progression Document for History

	Chronological Awareness			
Foundation (EYFS)	Year 1	Year 2	Enrichment opportunities and links to WGS curriculum	
To know that someone's age is the time since they	To know that a timeline shows the	To know that events in history may last different	Links to science curriculum – changing	
were born.	order events in the past happened.	amounts of time.	and growing	
To know that they started life as a baby but have since grown and changed.	To know that we start by looking at 'now' on a timeline then look back.	To know a decade is ten years.	Links to maths curriculum – time	
To know that some people are older than others.	To know that 'the past' is events	To sequence up to six photographs, focusing on the intervals between events.	Links to PSHE curriculum – special events, transition	
To know that some people are older than others.	that have already happened.	intervals between events.	events, transition	
To know that parents are older than children and		To place events on a timeline, building on times studied	Links to English – time words	
grandparents are older than parents.	To know that 'the present' is time happening now.	in Year 1.		
To know some language for talking about the		To begin to recognise how long each event lasted.		
passing of time and events that have already	To know that within living memory is			
happened, even if used inaccurately. (before,	100 years.	To Know where people/events studied fit into a		
yesterday, last week, last year).		chronological framework		
	To know that beyond living memory			
To begin to sequence events when describing them (e.g. daily routines, events in a story)	is more than 100 years ago.			
	To sequence three or four events in			
To recognise that some stories are set a long time ago.	their own life (e.g. birthday, starting school, starting Year 1).			
To recognise significant dates for them (birthday).	To use common words and phrases			
	for the passing of time (e.g. now,			
To begin to use common words and phrases for the passage of time, even if using inaccurately (e.g.	long ago, then, before, after).			
yesterday, today, tomorrow, last week, "when I was	To sequence three or four			
in nursery")	artefacts/photographs from			
	different periods of time.			
To Recount activities that happened in their past				
using photos as a prompt.	To place events on a simple timeline.			
	To recording on a timeline a			
	sequence of historical stories heard			
	orally.			

Years 3/4	Years 5/6	
To know that history is divided into periods of history e.g. ancient times, middle ages and	To understand the term "century" and how dating by centuries works.	Offsite visits:
modern.	(E.g. the 1500s are known as the 16th century).	Oxford Natural History and Pitts river
To know that we can use dates to work out the interval between periods of time and the	(L.g. the 1900s are known as the 10th century).	museums (Y3)
duration of historical events or periods.	To know relevant dates and relevant terms for the	Hampton Court (Y5)
·	period and period labels e.g. Stone Age, Bronze Age,	
To know that BC means before Christ and is used to show years before the year 0.	Iron Age, Romans, Anglo-Saxons, 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.	radors, dreeks, rietess, and victorians.	
,	To sequence events on a timeline, comparing where it	
To know that prehistory is the period of time before written methods and stretches until the Roman invasion in AD43.	fits in with times studied in previous year groups.	
To know that prehistory is divided into the Paleolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, Bronze Age and	To put dates in the correct century.	
Iron Age.		
	To use the terms AD and BC in their work.	
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 develop a chronologically secure understanding of	
To know that the Tudor period is the name of the period from 1485-1603 as this was when	British, local and world history across the periods studied.	
the Tudor family were the ruling family in England.	To compare and make connections between different	
To know that the Victorian period is the period 1833-1901 and roughly coincides with the years that Queen Victoria ruled.	contexts in the past.	
To sequence events on a timeline, referring to times studied in KS1 to see where these fit in.		
To understand that history is divided into periods of history e.g. ancient times, middle ages		
and modern.		
To use dates to work out the interval between periods of time and the duration of historical events or periods.		
To sequence eight to ten artefacts, historical pictures or events.		
To begin to develop a chronologically secure knowledge of local, British and world history across the periods studied.		
To use dates and terms related to the unit and passing of time e.g. millennium, continuity and ancient.		
To notice connections over a period of time.		

		ntive Concepts , Government and Empire	
Foundation (EYFS)	Year 1	Year 2	Enrichment opportunities and links to WGS curriculum
To know that in fairytales kings/queens are usually important, powerful people who rule over others.	N/A	To know that a monarch in the UK is a king or queen.	Links to English curriculum and fairy tales
		To begin to understand that power is exercised in different ways in different culture, times and groups e.g. monarchy.	
		To know that Britain was organised into kingdoms and these were governed by monarchs.	
Yea	nr 3/4	Year 5/6	Links to English curriculum – non-
To understand the development of group	os, kingdom and monarchy in Britain.	To understand how the monarchy exercised absolute power.	chronological reports/ information/ Persuasive writing
To know who became the first ruler of the	e whole of England.	To understand the process of democracy and	Offsite visit to Hampton Court (Y5)
To understand the expansion of empires large empire.	and how they were controlled across a	parliament in Britain.	
-	nd structures existed including aristocracy	To understand that different empires have different reasons for their expansion.	
and peasantry.		To understand that there are changes in the nature of society.	
To understand some reasons why empire	s fall/collapse	of society.	
		To know that there are different reasons for the decline of different empires.	
	Achievement a	nd Follies of Mankind	
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To recognise some interests and achievements from their own lives and the lives of their families and friends.	To know some inventions that still influence their own lives today (e.g. toys – the invention of the teddy bear, electronic toys etc.) To know some achievements and discoveries of significant individuals (e.g. explorers).	To begin to identify achievements and inventions that still influence their own lives today (e.g. schools, travel). To know the legacy and contribution of some inventions (e.g. flight). To be aware of the achievements of significant individuals (e.g. those involved with the history of flight).	Links to PSHE curriculum – my family and relationships Links to human geography units Offsite visit to Bletchley Park (Y6)
Year 3/4		Year 5/6	
To be able to identify achievements and inventions that still influence our lives today from Roman times.	To understand that people in the past were as inventive and sophisticated in thinking as people today. To know that new and sophisticated technologies were advanced which allowed cities to develop.		
To know the legacy and contribution of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings to life today in Britain.	To understand the impact of war on local communities. To know some of the impacts of war on daily lives.		
To be aware of the achievements of ancient civilisations contributed to the development of technology, culture and science.			
	Invasion, Settle	ement and Migration	
Year 3/4		Year 5/6	Enrichment opportunities and links to WGS curriculum

To know that there were different reasons for invading Britain. To understand that there are varied reasons for coming to Britain. To know that there are different reasons for migration.	To understand that migrants come from different parts of the world. To know about the diverse experiences of the different groups coming to Britain over time.	Links to Human geography Are all settlements the same? (Y3) Why does population change? (Y6)
To know that settlement created tensions and problems.		
To understand the impact of settlers on the existing population.		
To understand the earliest settlements in Britain.		
To know that settlements changed over time.		
	Civilisation – Social and Cultural	
Year 3/4	Year 5/6	Enrichment opportunities and links to WGS curriculum
To understand how invaders and settlers influence the culture of the existing	To understand the changes and reasons for the organisation of society in Britain.	Links to PSHE and RE curriculum
population.	To understand how society is organised in different cultures, times and groups.	
To understand that society was organised in different ways in different cultures and	To be able to compare development and role of education in societies.	
times and consisted of different groups	To be able to compare education in different cultures, times and groups.	

To understand the changing role of women and men in Britain.

To understand that there are differences between early and later civilisations.

Trade

Year 5/6

Enrichment opportunities and links to WGS curriculum

with different roles and lifestyles.

cultures, times and groups

To know that education existed in some

Year 3/4

Foundation (EYFS)	Year 1	Year 2	Enrichment opportunities and links to WGS curriculum
	Change	linary Concepts e and Continuity	
To compare the beliefs in different cultures, times and groups.			
To know how Christianity spread.	To be able to identify the impact of beliefs on	. society.	
To know about paganism and the introduction of Christianity in Britain.	To be aware of how different societies practis		(Y6)
groups.	To understand the changing nature of religion		Mosque Visit (Y3) Gurdwara and Hindu Temple
To understand that there are different beliefs in different cultures, times and	To be aware of the different beliefs that diffe		Links to RE curriculum
Year 3/4		Year 5/6	Enrichment opportunities and links to WGS curriculum
		Beliefs	
To understand that the traders were the rich members of society.			
To understand that trade develops in different times and ways in different civilisations.			
To understand that the Roman invasion led to a great increase in British trade with the outside world.	To understand that the methods of trading de To understand the development of global trading de Touriste de Touris	eveloped from in person to boats, trains and planes. de.	
To understand that trade routes existed between Britain in the Roman, Anglo-Saxon and Viking times.		(e.g. York) were a reason for the Vikings raiding Britain.	
To understand that trade began as the exchange of goods.	To understand that the expansion of trade ro	utes increased the variety of goods available.	
each other and over the English Channel in	·	ew countries and that this resulted in new items to be	
To know that communities traded with each other and over the English Channel in the Prehistoric Period.		ew countries and that this resulted in new items to be	

Year 3/4		Year 5/6	
	To know that everyday objects have changed over time.		
	To know that throughout someone's lifetime, some things will change and some things will stay the same.		
	To know that people change as they grow older.		
	other items remain the same and some are new.		
	Understanding that some things change while	there are some similarities to life today.	
changes as time passes.	that remain the same.	To know that daily life has changed over time but that	
To know that the environment around us changes as time passes.	Describing simple changes and ideas/objects	Identifying simple reasons for changes.	
	lives.	·	time
throughout the year (e.g. seasons, nature).	and some have stayed the same in their own	the same as the past.	depicting culture and changes over
Being aware of changes that happen	Being aware that some things have changed	Recognising some things which have changed / stayed	Links to music and art curriculum

Identifying reasons for change and reasons for continuities.	Making links between events and changes with	in and across different time periods / societies.		
for continuities.	Identifying the reasons for changes and continu	uity.		
Identifying what the situation was like				
before the change occurred.	Describing the links between main events, simil periods/studied.	larities and changes within and across different		
Comparing different periods of history and				
identifying changes and continuity.	Describing the links between different societies	S.		
Describing the changes and continuity between different periods of history.	Explaining the reasons for changes and continu			
Identifying the links between different	Analysing and presenting the reasons for chang	ges and continuity.		
societies.	To know that change can be brought about by	conflict.		
To know that change can be brought about by advancements in transport and travel.	To know that change can be traced using the co	To know that change can be traced using the census.		
To know that change can be brought about by advancements in materials.				
To know that change can be brought about				
by advancements in trade.				
	Cause and	d Consequence		
Foundation (EYFS)	Year 1	Year 2	Enrichment opportunities and links to WGS curriculum	
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.	Links to the computing curriculum	
	To know that everyday objects have changed as new materials have been invented.	Recognising why people did things, why events happened and what happened as a result.		
		To know that changes may come about because of improvements in technology.		
	Similarities	and Differences		
Foundation (EYFS)	Year 1	Year 2	Enrichment opportunities and	
			links to WGS curriculum	

Beginning to recognise similarities and differences between the past and today. Using photographs and stories to compare the past with the present day.	Beginning to look for similarities and differences over time in 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.	Identifying similarities and differences between ways of life at different times. Finding out about people, events and beliefs in society. Making comparisons with their own lives. To know that there are explanations for similarities and differences between children's lives now and in the past.	
Year 3/4	for the same purpose in the past.	Year 5/6	
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Identifying similarities and differences between periods of history.	Describing similarities and differences between and the wider world.	social, cultural, religious and ethnic diversity in Britain	
Explaining similarities and differences	Making links with different time periods studied	d.	
between daily lives of people in the past and today.	Describing change throughout time.		
Identifying similarities and differences between social, cultural, religious and ethnic diversity in Britain and the wider world.			
	Historica	al Significance	
Foundation (EYFS)	Year 1	Year 2	Enrichment opportunities and links to WGS curriculum

Recalling special people in their own lives.	Recalling special events in their own lives.	Discussing who was important in a historical event.	Bletchley Park (Y6)
To know the names of people that are significant to their own lives.	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.	
Year 3/4		Year 5/6	
Recalling some important events and people.	Identifying significant people and events ac	cross different time periods.	
Identifying who is important in	Comparing significant people and events a		
historical sources and accounts.	Explain the significance of events, people and developments.		
To know significant archaeological findings are those which change how we see the past.	To know how historians select criteria for significance and that this changes.		
To know that 'historically significant' events are those which changed many			
people's lives and had an impact for many years to come.			
	Historical interpretations		
Foundation (EYFS)	Year 1	Year 2	Enrichment opportunities and links to WGS curriculum

Recognising that different members of	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Recognising different ways in which the past is	
the class may notice different things in	represent the past (e.g photos, stories).	represented (including eye-witness accounts).	
photographs from the past.			
	Developing their own interpretations	Comparing pictures or photographs of people or	
To begin to understand that the past	from historical artefacts.	events in the past.	
can be represented in photographs and	The first of the f	events in the past.	
	To know that the past can be represented	Developing their own interpretations from	
drawings.	-		
	in photographs.	photographs and written sources.	
		To know that the past is represented in different	
		ways.	
Year 3/4		Year 5/6	
Identifying and giving reasons for	Comparing accounts of events from differe	nt sources.	
different ways in which the past is			
represented.	Suggesting explanations for different version	ons of events.	
Identifying the differences between	Evaluating the usefulness of historical sour	ces.	
different sources and giving reasons for	_		
the ways in which the past is	Identifying how conclusions have been arri	ved at by linking sources.	
represented.			
- cpresented.	Developing strategies for checking the accu	iracy of evidence	
Exploring different representations	beveloping strategies for effecting the acce		
	Addressing and devising historically valid questions		
from the period e.g archaeological	Addressing and devising historically valid questions.		
evidence, museum evidence, cartoons			
and books.	Understanding that different evidence crea	ites different conclusions.	
Evaluating the usefulness of different	Evaluating the interpretations made by hist	torians.	
sources.			
	To know that we must consider a source's a	audience, purpose, creator and accuracy to	
To know that archaeological evidence	determine if it is a reliable source.		
has limitations: it does not give all the			
answers or tell us about the emotions	To understand that there are different inte	rpretations of historical figures and events.	
of people from the past.			
or people from the past.			
To know that assumptions made by			
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historians can change in the light of			
new evidence.			

	Posing historical questions			
Foundation (EYFS)	Year 1	Year 2	Enrichment opportunities and links to WGS curriculum	
Recognising that different members of the class may notice different things in photographs from the past.	Beginning to identify different ways to represent the past (e.g. photos, stories). Developing their own interpretations	Recognising different ways in which the past is represented (including eye-witness accounts). Comparing pictures or photographs of people or		
To begin to understand that the past can be represented in photographs and	from historical artefacts.	events in the past.		
drawings.	To know that the past can be represented in photographs.	Developing their own interpretations from photographs and written sources.		
		To know that the past is represented in different ways.		
Year 3/4		Year 5/6		
Understanding how historical enquiry questions are structured.	Planning a historical enquiry.			
Creating historically-valid questions across a range of time periods, cultures and groups of people.	Suggesting the evidence needed to carry ou Identifying methods to use to carry out the			
Asking questions about the main features of everyday life in periods	Asking historical questions of increasing dif results?	ficulty e.g. who governed, how and with what		
studied, e.g. how did people live.	Creating a hypothesis to base an enquiry or	1.		
Creating questions for different types of historical enquiry.	Asking questions about the interpretations, viewpoints and perspectives held by others.			
Asking questions about the bias of historical evidence.				
	Gathering, organising	g and evaluating evidence		
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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 find out about the past. Using a source to answer questions about the past. Evaluating the usefulness of sources to a historical enquiry. Selecting information from a source to answer a question.				
		Identifying a primary source.				
Year 3/4	Year 5/6					
Using a range of sources to construct knowledge of the past.	Using different sources to make and substantiate historical claims.					
Defining the terms 'source' and 'evidence'.	Developing an awareness of the variety of Distinguishing between fact and opinion.					
Extracting the appropriate information from a historical source.	Recognising 'gaps' in evidence.					
Calcating and passeding palacent	Identifying how sources with different per					
Selecting and recording relevant information from a range of sources to answer a question.	Using a range of different historical evider others.					
Identifying primary and secondary sources.	Considering a range of factors when discussing the reliability of sources, e.g. audience, purpose, accuracy, the creators of the source.					
Identifying the bias of a source.						
Comparing and contrasting different historical sources.						
Interpreting findings, analysing and making connections						

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Making simple observations about the past from photographs and images.	Interpreting evidence by making simple deductions.	Making links and connections across a unit of study.	
	Making simple inferences and deductions from sources of evidence.	Selecting and using sections of sources to illustrate and support answers	
	Describing the main features of concrete evidence of the past or historical evidence (e.g. pictures, artefacts and buildings).		
Year 3/4			
Understanding that there are different ways to interpret evidence. Interpreting evidence in different ways.	Interpreting evidence in different ways using evidence to substantiate statements. Making increasingly complex interpretations using more than one source of evidence.		
Understanding and making deductions from documentary as well as concrete	Challenging existing interpretations of the past using interpretations of evidence.		
evidence e.g. pictures and artefacts. Making links and connections across a	Making connections, drawing contrasts and Beginning to interpret simple statistical sou		
period of time, cultures or groups.			
Asking the question "How do we know?"			
	Evaluating and o	drawing conclusions	
Foundation (EYFS)	Year 1	Year 2	Enrichment opportunities and links to WGS curriculum
Deciding whether photographs or images (e.g. from stories) depict the past.	Drawing simple conclusions to answer a question.	Making simple conclusions about a question using evidence to support.	
Year 3/4	Year 5/6		

Reaching conclusions that are substantiated by historical evidence. Recognising similarities and differences between past events and today.		s to improve conclusions.				
Communicating findings						
Foundation (EYFS)	Year 1	Year 2	Enrichment opportunities and links to WGS curriculum			
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 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.				
Year 3/4	,					

Communicating knowledge Communicating knowledge and understanding in an increasingly diverse number of ways, and understanding through discussion, including discussion, debates, drama, art, writing, blog posts and podcasts. debates, drama, art and writing. Showing written and oral evidence of continuity and change as well as indicting simple Constructing answers using evidence to causation. substantiate findings. Using historical evidence to create an imaginative reconstruction exploring the feelings of Identifying weaknesses in historical people from the time. accounts and arguments. Constructing structured and organised accounts using historical terms and relevant historical information from a range of sources. Creating simple imaginative reconstruction of a past event using the evidence available to draw, model, Constructing explanations for past events using cause and effect. dramatise, write or retell the story. Using evidence to support and illustrate claims Creating a structured response or narrative to answer a historical enquiry. Describing past events orally or in

writing, recognising similarities and

differences with today.