

## **History Skills Progression**

	Reception	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
CHRONOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING	Pupils should talk about past and present events in their own lives and the lives of family members.	Pupils should know where the people and events they study fit within a chronological framework and identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods. Pupils should use a wide vocabulary of everyday historical terms.	Pupils show a developing sense of chronology by realising that the past can be divided into different periods of time. Pupils show their recognition of some of the similarities and differences between these periods and by their use of dates and terms.	Pupils develop a chronologically secure factual knowledge and understanding of aspects of Britain, local and world history, establishing clear narratives within and across the periods they study. Pupils use this knowledge to describe characteristic features of past and present societies and periods, and to identify changes within and across different periods. Pupils should note connections, contrasts and trends over time and develop the appropriate use of historical terms.
KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF EVENTS AND PEOPLE IN THE PAST	Pupils should ask and answer questions about their own past using photographs and other prompts.	Pupils should ask and answer questions, choosing and using parts of stories and other sources to show that they know and understand key features of events.	Pupils should describe some of the main events, people and changes. Pupils should give some reasons for and the consequences of the main events and changes	Pupils should regularly address and sometimes devise historically valid questions about change, cause, similarity and difference, and significance. Pupils use this to describe features of past societies and periods and make links between them.



HISTORICAL INTERPRETATIONS	Pupils think about how they can find out about the past.	Pupils should identify different ways in which the past is represented.	Pupils should show some understanding that aspects of the past have been represented and interpreted in different ways.	
HISTORICAL ENQUIRY	Pupils should know that some events, people and changes have been interpreted in different ways and suggest possible reasons for this.	Pupils should understand some of the ways in which we find out about the past. Pupils observe or handle sources of information to answer questions about the past on the basis of simple observations.	Pupils begin to select and combine information from different sources.	Pupils should understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources and that different versions of past events may exist, giving reasons for this. Pupils should begin to evaluate sources of information and identify those that are particularly useful for tasks.
ORGANISATION AND COMMUNICATION			Pupils begin to produce structured work, making appropriate use of dates and terms.	Pupils should construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation of relevant historical information.