



Progression of Skills - History

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Chronological understanding	Talk about their own life story and family's history.	Talk about their life story and that of their parents and grandparents.	Talk about changes in their life and the life of others; describing memories of key events.
	Sequence 2 photos - then and now.	Sequence a selection of photos from their life.	Sequence a selection of photos and events from their life on a simple timeline with dates.
	Describe a sequence of events, real or fictional, using words such as 'first', 'then' Order and sequence familiar events (e.g. from stories/my day).	Use words and phrases such as old, new, young, days, weeks, months, years, today, before, yesterday, a long time ago, in the past to show the passing of time. Sequence 3 pictures/artefacts from different periods of time.	Use words and phrases such as recently, earlier, earliest, later, latest, past, present, future, century, newest, oldest, modern, before, after to show the passing of time. Sequence 3 or more artefacts/pictures/people/events closer together in time.
	Sort pictures into old and new.	Place events on a simple timeline. Sort pictures/artefacts into old and new.	Order the dates of events/people studied from earliest to latest on a simple timeline. Sort pictures/artefacts/events/sources of information into old/new
			Use past and present terms correctly when talking to others. Connect new learning of historical people or events to others that have been taught before.

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Range and depth of historical knowledge	Talk about different experiences in their lifetime.	Describe the difference between past and present in their own lives and the lives of others.	Identify and discuss differences between ways of life at different times.
	Talk about some similarities and differences between things now and in the past.	Identify similarities and differences between life at different times using stories/artefacts/pictures/experiences.	Use a variety of sources of information to talk about similarities and differences between life at different times.
	Talk about stories from the past, looking at characters, settings and events – compare with the present. Comment on images of familiar historical situations.	Recount some stories and events from the past. Comment on and discuss images of familiar historical situations.	Recount stories and events from the past, describing key events with some detail. Analyse images/sources of familiar historical situations, give an opinion and a reason for that opinion. Talk about significant individuals and events from the past with some detail.

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Interpretations of history	Comment on images, stories and adult reports of familiar events from the past. Use stories to encourage children to distinguish between fact and fiction.	Identify different ways we can find out about the past – books, artefacts, photos, paintings, memories	Use a variety of sources of information about the past.
		Begin to distinguish between fact and fiction to learn about the past.	Compare 2 different versions of a past event.
		Begin to think about how reliable people's memories are – do 2 adults tell the same story about an event?	Discuss the reliability of different sources of information.
		story about an event.	Recognise why people did things, why events happened and what happened as a result.
			Describe how people felt at that time.
			Explain how some people/events have made our lives better today.
			Justify their interpretation of historical sources. Why do I think that?

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Historical enquiry	Ask and answer simple how and why questions about the past.	Observe or handle evidence to ask questions about the past.	Ask and answer who, what, when, why, how, where questions about the past.
	Answer questions through talk.	Find answers to simple questions about the past from stories/artefacts/photos.	Answer questions by choosing and using a specific source.
	Discuss what an object was used for in the past.	Give a plausible explanation about what an object was used for in the past based on observations.	Explain what an object was used for in the past and give reasons for opinion.
		Use a variety of sources of evidence to draw conclusions about the past.	Use a variety of sources of evidence to draw conclusions and explain how these conclusions were reached.
			Talk about who was important in an historical event.
			Research significant people/events using a variety of historical sources.

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Organisation and	Demonstrate an understanding of the	Demonstrate an understanding of the past	Demonstrate an understanding of the past
communication	past through:	through:	through:
	Talk	Talk	Talk
	Role play	Role play	Role play
	Drawing/painting	Drawing/painting	Drawing/painting
	Writing	Writing – recount, report, labelling	Writing – recount, report, labelling, diary,
	Model making	Model making	poetry
	Sorting	Sorting	Model making
	Sequencing	Sequencing	Sorting
	Simple retell/recount	Retell/recount	Sequencing
		ICT	Retell/recount
		Simple timelines	ICT
			Discussion and debate
			Timelines with date
			Annotations