Historical skills progression

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
Chronology	Beginning to make	Putting up to	Place events or	Understand that a timeline	Order significant events, movements,
	sense of their own	three objects in	artefacts in order on	can be divided into BC	and dates on a timeline.
	life-story and	chronological	a timeline.	(Before Christ)	
	family's history.	order (recent		and AD (Anno Domini)	Identify and compare changes within
		history) on a	Labelling timelines		and across different periods and talk
	Talk about some	timeline.	with pictures, words	Use dates to order	about trends over time.
	similarities and		or phrases and	significant events from the	
	differences	Labelling	giving reasons for	period	Describe the main changes in a period
	between things in	timelines with	their order.	studied on a timeline	of history (using terms such as: social,
	the past and now,	pictures, words,		within a specific time in	religious, political, technological and
	drawing on their	or phrases.	Use dates to talk	history.	cultural).
	experiences and		about people or		
	what has been	Telling others	events from the	Describe the main changes	Identify periods of rapid change in
	read in class.	about changes	past (when	in a period in history.	history and contrast them with times
		that have	appropriate)		of relatively little change.
	Understanding the	happened in my		Use historic terms related	
	past through	own life since I	Connect my new	to the period of study	Understand the concepts of continuity
	settings, characters	was born.	learning of historical		and change over time, representing
	and events		people or events to	Use an increasing range of	them, along with evidence, on a
	encountered in	Talk about how	others that I have	common words and	timeline.
	books read in class	things have	learnt about before	phrases relating to	
	and storytelling.	changed since		the passing of time	Explain the chronology of different
		my parents or			time periods (local, British and world
	Using everyday	grandparents			history) and how they relate to one
	language to relate	were children.			another on a timeline.
	to time e.g., now,				
	next, old, new,	Use dates to talk			
	past, today,	about people or			
	yesterday, week,	events from the			
	month, year.	past (when			
		appropriate)			

Historical	Make comments	Describe some	Identify different	Use a range of sources to	Recognise primary and secondary
enquiry	about what I have learnt and ask	simple similarities and	ways in which the past is represented.	find out about a period.	sources.
	questions to make	differences		Select and record	Use a wide range of sources of
	sure I understand.	between	Ask and answer	information relevant to the	evidence to deduce information about
	Understand and	artefacts.	questions, choosing and using parts of	study.	the past.
	use vocabulary such as: how, why,	Find answers to some simple	stories and other sources to	Ask and answer questions.	Analyse a wide range of evidence to justify claims about the past.
	because, find out, I	questions about	show that he/she	Suggest suitable sources of	
	wonder	the past from	knows and	evidence for historical	Use sources of information to form
	what/if/when/why	simple sources of information	understands key features of events.	enquiry.	testable hypotheses about the past.
	Know information	e.g. 'What do		Use more than one source	Understand that no single source of
	can be retrieved	you think it	Use a source—why,	of evidence for historical	evidence gives the full answer to
	from books and computers.	could have been used for?'	what, who, how, where to ask	enquiry to gain a more accurate understanding of	questions about the past.
	Sort a from	Sort artefacts	questions and find answers.	history.	Know how historical artefacts have helped us understand more about
		from 'then' and 'now'.	Sequence a	Recognise the part that archaeologists have had in	British lives in the present and past.
			collection of	helping us understand	Select suitable sources of evidence,
		Ask and answer	artefacts.	more about what	giving reasons for choices.
		relevant basic		happened in the past.	
		questions about the past.	Discuss the effectiveness of	Use research skills in	Give more than one reason to support an historical argument.
			sources.	finding out facts about the time period studied.	Identify and explain my understanding of propaganda.
				Compare and contrast different forms of	
				evidence.	

Interpretation of history and sources	Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling. Discussions and visits from parents/grandpar ents.	Look at books, videos, photographs, pictures and artefacts to find out about the past. Relate his/her own account of an event and understand that others may give a different version.	Look at and use books and pictures, stories, eyewitness accounts, pictures, photographs, artefacts, historic buildings, museums, galleries, historical sites and the internet to find out about the past. Think about and discuss the origins of these sources — do we know who made them, or took the photograph etc. Why did they do this?	Explore the idea that there are different accounts of history and what the reasons for this might be. Look at different versions of the same event in history and identify differences. Know that people in the past represent events or ideas in a way that persuades others. Understand that sources can contradict each other.	Understand that some evidence from the past is propaganda, opinion or misinformation, and that this affects interpretations of history. Understand that the type of information available depends on the period of time studied. Evaluate the usefulness of a variety of sources. Make comparisons between aspects of periods of history and the present day Know that people both in the past have a point of view and that this can affect interpretation. • Give clear reasons why there may be different accounts of history, linking this to factual understanding of the past.
Range and depth of historical knowledge	Discussions and visits from parents/grandpar ents. Stories / books / discussions	Begin to describe similarities and differences in artefacts. Drama – why	Find out about people and events in other times. Collections of artefacts — confidently	Use evidence to reconstruct life in time studied. Identify key features and events.	Find about beliefs, behaviour and characteristics of people, recognising that not everyone shares the same views and feelings. Write another explanation of a past event in terms of cause and
	shared. BBC programmes	people did things in the past.	describe similarities and differences.	Look for links and effects in time studied.	effect.

		Use a range of sources to find out characteristic features of the past.	Drama – develop empathy and understanding (hot seating, speaking and listening)	Offer a reasonable explanation for some events.	Using evidence to support and illustrate their explanation. Know key dates, characters and events of time studied. Compare and contrast ancient civilisations
Organisation and communication of learning and research	Pictorial and 3D timelines Pictures Discussion	Sort events or objects into groups (i.e., then, and now.) Use timelines to order events or	Use a wide vocabulary of everyday historical terms to describe objects, people or events in history	Communicate his/her learning in an organised and structured way, Using appropriate terminology, using different genres of writing,	Provide an account of a historical event based on more than one source. Present findings and communicate knowledge and understanding in different ways e.g. using different genres of writing, drawing,
	Talking	objects. Tell stories about the past, including role- play. Talk, draw or write about aspects of the past.	Speak about how he/she has found out about the past e.g. through roleplay. Record what he/she has learned by drawing and writing, including. using ICT.	drawing, diagrams, data- handling, drama role-play, storytelling and using ICT.	diagrams, data-handling, drama role- play, and storytelling and using ICT.