Progression of Skills in History

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	Historical Enquiry	Chronology	Historical Knowledge	Historical Interpretation			
EYFS	ELG						
Understanding	Talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members.						
the World	Know and talk about similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families, communities and traditions.						
	To know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things.						
	To talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another know about similarities and						
	differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things.						
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Year 1 & 2	Sort artefacts into 'then' and 'now'.	Sequence events and artefacts into	Use a range of sources to find out	Begin to identify different ways to			
		a chronological order.	about significant people and why	represent the past using photos,			
	Ask and answer questions related to		they did things in the past to change	stories, ICT, drama, timelines,			
	different sources and artefacts.	Use common words and phrases	things.	drawing.			
		related to the passing of time, for					
	Observe and handle a range of	example before, after, past, present,	Recognise why people did things	Use stories to distinguish between			
	sources of information to find out	then, now.	and why events happened,	fact and fiction.			
	about the past and discuss the		developing empathy and				
	effectiveness of the sources.	Sequence events, photographs and	understanding.	Compare photographs of people,			
		artefacts into chronological order,		artefacts or events in the past, to			
	Ask and answer questions about the	within closer time boundaries and		identify differences in the ways of			
	past to find out answers.	within different periods of time.		life.			
				Identify different ways in which the			
				past is represented.			
Year 3 & 4	Use sources of information,	Sequence several events or artefacts	Find out about lives of people in the	Recognise similarities and			
	including ICT, to find out about	into periods of time.	time period studied and compare	differences between periods of			
	events, people and changes.		with our life today.	time.			
		Use dates and vocabulary related to					
	Select and record information	the passing of time to place the time	Identify reasons for and results of	Begin to give reasons for and results			
	relevant to the study, using internet	studied onto a time line.	people's actions Identify key	of the main events and changes -			
	for research. Ask and answer		features of people's lives or key	developing oracy skills Identify and			
	different questions.	Place events, people and changes	features of events.	describe reasons for and results of			
		into correct periods of time on a		historical events, situations and			
	Use and evaluate sources of	timeline.	Look for links and effects in the time	changes in the period studied.			
	information, including ICT, to find		period studied and offer reasonable	Identify different ways in which the			
	out about events, people and	Use terms related to the period and	explanations.	past is represented and interpreted.			
	changes.	begin to date events.					

	Use the relevant material to build up a picture of a past event.			
	Ask and answer a variety of questions.			
Year 5 & 6	Use and evaluate sources of information, including ICT, to find out about events, people and changes. Use the relevant material to build up a picture of a past event. Ask and	Make comparisons between different times. Use dates and vocabulary related to the passing of time, such as modern, ancient, BC, century, and decade.	Study different aspects of life of different people (men and women) Examine causes and results of events, and the impact on people. Compare an aspect of life across early and late times studied.	Identify and describe reasons for and results of historical events, situations and changes within and across different periods. Give reasons for and results of the main changes and events.
	answer a variety of questions. Recognise primary and secondary sources.	Place current study on a timeline in relation to other studies, to sequence up to 10 events.	Find out about beliefs, behaviour and characteristics of people, recognising differences in views and feelings.	Show some understanding that aspects of the past have been represented and interpreted in different ways.
	Use, evaluate and link a range of sources to find out about an aspect of the past. Suggest omissions and the means of	Use relevant dates and terms related to the passing of time.	Compare beliefs and behaviour with another time period studied. Use evidence to support and	Use an increasing depth of factual knowledge to describe past societies and periods, and begin to make links between them.
	finding out. Use the knowledge gathered to work out how conclusions were arrived at.		illustrate an explanation on the causes and effects of a past event	Identify and describe reasons for and results of historical events, situations and changes in the periods and societies studied.
				Recognise the past is represented and interpreted in different ways, and give reasons for this.