

Year 1 History Progression in Skills and Knowledge

NC Knowledge	Pupils not securing learning	Pupils achieving depth in learning
Autumn 1 and 2: Mary Anning		
Know words that describe the passing of time.		
Know when the events happened.		
Know what happened.		
Know why these events were significant.		
• Know what these events tell us about the past.		
Spring 1 and 2: The Great Fire of London		
Know words that describe the passing of time.		
Know when the events happened.		
Know what happened.		
Know why these events were significant.		
Know what these events tell us about the past.		
Summer 1 and 2: Victorian Seaside Holidays		
Know words that describe the passing of time.		
Know how life was different in the past.		
 Know how to use artefacts to answer questions about the past. 		
Know what artefacts tell us about the past.		
Historical Skills		
Have an awareness of the past.		
 Use words and phrases relating to the passing of time. 		
 Know how life was similar and different in the past. 		
Answer questions about a period in history.		
Use stories and from other sources to show that I understand events.		



Year 2 History Progression in Skills and Knowledge

NC Knowledge	Pupils not securing learning	Pupils achieving depth in learning
Autumn 1 and 2: The Wright Brothers		
Know words that describe the passing of time.		
Know when the events happened.		
Know what happened.		
Know why these events were significant.		
Know what these events tell us about the past.		
Spring 1 and 2: Florence Nightingale		
Know words that describe the passing of time.		
Know how life was different in the past.		
• Know how to use artefacts to answer questions about the past.		
Know what artefacts tell us about the past.		
Summer 1 and 2: Industrialisation and Brunel		
Know words that describe the passing of time.		
Know how life was different in the past.		
• Know how to use artefacts to answer questions about the past.		
Know what artefacts tell us about the past.		
Historical Skills		
Use every day historical terms.		
Put people and events in order and on a timeline line.		
Make my own questions and answer them.		
 Know how life was similar and different in different periods in history in the past. 		
• Select parts of stories and from other sources to show that I understand key features of events.		
 Understand some of the ways in which we find out about the past. 		
 I can identify different ways in which the past is represented. 		



Year 3 History Progression in Skills and Knowledge

NC Knowledge	Pupils not securing learning	Pupils achieving depth in learning
Autumn 1 and 2: Stone Age		
Know and understand the history of the British Isles		
Have a coherent, chronological narrative of Britain in pre-Roman times.		
Have knowledge of late Neolithic hunter-gatherers and early farmers.		
Understand Bronze Age religion, technology and travel, for example, Stonehenge.		
• Have a knowledge of Iron Age hill forts: tribal kingdoms, farming, art and culture.		
Spring 1 and 2: Ancient Egypt		
 Have an overview of where and when the first civilizations appeared. 		
Have an understanding of Ancient Egypt society and religion.		
 Know how and why the Ancient Egyptians are remembered. 		
Summer 1 and 2: Ancient Greece		
Know how Ancient Greece society was organised.		
Be able to describe what ancient Greeks believed.		
 Be able to explain if and why Alexander was great. 		
Know how our lives today have been influenced by the Greeks.		
Historical Skills		
 Understand that the past is divided into differently named periods of time. 		
• Use some dates to explain British history and place on a timeline using appropriate dates.		
 Put artefacts or information in chronological order. 		
 Explain a range of similarities and differences between different times in the past. 		
• Explain how the past can be represented or interpreted in different ways.		
 Answer and sometimes devise my own historically valid questions. 		
 Use one or more source of information to me answer them. 		
• Think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments, and develop perspective and judgement.		
 Present information in a variety of ways using specialist terms. 		



Year 4 History Progression in Skills and Knowledge

NC Knowledge	Pupils not securing learning	Pupils achieving depth in learning
Autumn 1 and 2: Romans		
 Know the extent of the Roman Empire by 42CE. 		
 Understand the reasons for the power of its army. 		
 Know about Roman invasions of Britain in 55-54 BCE and 43CE. 		
 Understand what is meant by the 'Romanisation' of Britain. 		
Know about British resistance: Boudicca's rebellion.		
Understand what happened when the Romans left Britain.		
Spring 1 and 2: Anglo Saxons and Scots		
 Know why Vortigern made a deal with the Anglo Saxons and the outcome of this. 		
 Explain what life like for the Anglo Saxons. 		
Know what the Anglo Saxons believed.		
Explain what was the heptarchy.		
Explain how Alfred the Great protected the Anglo Saxons.		
Summer 1 and 2: Vikings		
Understand what happened when the Romans left Britain.		
 Know the subsequent invasions by the Scots, the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. 		
• Know about the Anglo-Saxon impact on British Life, eg settlements, religion, culture, art, society.		
Know about the Viking raids and the impact on life in Britain		
Understand how resistance to the Vikings shaped Britain until the Norman invasion in 1066. Historical Skills		
Understand that the past is divided into differently named periods of time.		
 Use some dates to explain British history and place on a timeline using appropriate dates. 		
 Explain a range of similarities and differences between different times in the past. 		
Explain how the past can be represented or interpreted in different ways.		
Answer and sometimes devise my own historically valid questions.		
• Think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments, and develop perspective and judgement.		
Present information in different ways using specialist terms.		
• Write a paragraph to describe some of the main events, people and changes in the history of Britain.		



Year 5 History Progression in Skills and Knowledge

NC Knowledge	Pupils not securing learning	Pupils achieving depth in learning
Autumn 1 and 2: Benin Empire		
Know how the Benin Kingdom began.		
 Explain what was life like for the Edo people in the Benin Kingdom. 		
 Know how were trade links established by the people and the goods people traded. 		
Know what led to the Civil war in the 1700s.		
Know what was the Transatlantic Slave Trade.		
• Explain why the British colonised Benin and what impact this had.		
Spring 1 and 2: Medieval Monarchs and Tudors		
 Justify who, in 1066, was the rightful heir to the throne. 		
 Describe what happened at the Battle of Hastings. 		
Explain who was responsible for the death of Thomas Becket.		
 Justify and explain who was the worse King: Richard or John? 		
Explain the reasons why Henry VIII initiated the Reformation.		
Evaluate and explain: was Elizabeth I 'weak and feeble'?		
Summer 1 and 2: Industrial Revolution and Victorians		
 Identify the key features of Victorian society. 		
• Explain, during the Industrial Revolution, what living and working conditions were like.		
 Know what inventions revolutionised the lives of British people. 		
Evaluate the impact Brunel had on the Victorian Era.		
• Explain how Queen Victoria changed life for British people during her reign.		
Historical Skills		
Confidently use maths skills when placing events in chronological order.		
Devise my own historically valid questions.		
• Understand the complexity of people's lives in the past.		
• Understand how some societies are very different due to changes or challenges at the time.		
• Represent the past using a range of historical information from a range of historical sources.		



Year 6 History Progression in Skills and Knowledge

NC Kn	owledge	Pupils not securing learning	Pupils achieving depth in learning
Autum	n 1 and 2: World War 2	-	
• [Evaluate if the Second World War inevitable.		
•	Know how Britain prepared for war and what was the phoney war.		
• 6	Evaluate if the evacuation of Dunkirk a victory or disaster.		
	Describe what happened in the Battle of Britain?		
	Evaluate if D-Day an important factor in determining the end of WW2.		
• [Explain how the Second World War ended and what was its legacy.		
Summe	er 1 and 2: Windrush Generation		
• I	Know what the United States of America like in the 1950s.		
	Inderstand why Oliver Brown take the Board of education to the Supreme Court?		
	Explain why Rosa Parks did NOT give up her seat on the bus.		
	Jnderstand what was Dr Martin Luther King Jr's dream.		
	Evaluate his influence on the UK and explain what was the Bristol Bus Boycott.		
	Explain what it was like to have been one of the 492 migrants who travelled to Britain on the Windrush		
	and understand why they travelled to Britian.		
• 1	Know what the Black Lives Matter Movement stands for.		
Historic	al Skills		
• [Demonstrate a coherent chronological narrative, knowledge and understanding of history of the wider		
١	vorld.		
•	dentify specific changes within and across different periods over a long arc of development.		
• 6	Explain that the past can be represented or interpreted in many different ways and select relevant		
ŀ	nistorical information.		
• (Jse methods of historical enquiry and know how evidence is used to make historical claims.		
• [Devise my own historically valid questions.		
• 6	Represent the past using a range of historical information from a range of historical sources.		
• (Create my own structured accounts, including written narratives and analyses using key historical		
	erms.		