Progression in History Skills

	Chronology	Range and Depth of Historical Knowledge	Interpretations of History	Historical Enquiry
Early Years	use everyday language related to timetalk about things they did at the weekend, yesterday, this morning use a visual timetable order and sequence familiar events	birthdays, days, months, seasons understanding changes in their own lifetime personal timeline	recount an event, verbally and written. children represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design technology, art, music, dance, role play and stories	look closely at and talk about similarities, differences, patterns and change answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to stories and events
Year 1	sequence events or objects in chronological order Recognise the distinction between present and past in their own and other people's lives	begin to describe similarities and differences in artefacts drama – why people did things in the past use a range of sources to find out characteristic features of the past	begin to identify different ways to represent the past (e.g. photos, stories, adults talking about the past)	sort artefacts "then" and "now" use as wide a range of sources as possible to ask and answer questions related to different sources and objects
Year 2	sequence artefacts closer together in time sequence events and use related language sequence photos etc from different periods of their life describe memories of key events in lives know and recount episodes from stories about the past	find out about people and events in other times collections of artefacts confidently describe similarities and differences drama – develop empathy and understanding (hot seating, sp. and listening) Begin to recognise that there are reasons why people in the past acted as they did.	compare pictures or photographs of people or events in the past able to identify different ways to represent the past	use a source – why, what, who, how, where to ask questions and find answers sequence a collection of artefacts use time lines discuss the effectiveness of sources

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Year 3	place the time studied on a time line sequence events or artefacts use dates related to the passing of time	ind out about everyday lives of people in time studied compare with our life today identify reasons for and results of people's actions understand why people may have had to do something study change through the lives of significant individuals	identify and give reasons for different ways in which the past is represented distinguish between different sources and evaluate their usefulness look at representations of the period – museum,	use a range of sources to find out about a period observe small details – artefacts, pictures select and record information relevant to the study begin to use the library, e-learning for research ask and answer questions
Year 4	place events from period studied on a time line use terms related to the period and begin to date events understand more complex terms e.g. BCE/AD	identify and give reasons for different ways in which the past is represented distinguish between different sources and evaluate their usefulness look at representations of the period – museum,	look at the evidence available begin to evaluate the usefulness of different sources use of text books and historical knowledge	use evidence to build up a picture of a past event choose relevant material to present a picture of one aspect of life in time past ask a variety of questions use the library, e-learning for research

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Year 5	place current study on time line in relation to other studies know and sequence key events of time studied use relevant terms and periods labels relate current studies to previous studies make comparisons between different times in history	study different aspects of life of different people – differences between men and women examine causes and results of great events and the impact on people compare life in early and late times studied compare an aspect of life with the same aspect in another period study an ancient civilization in detail	compare accounts of events from different sources. Fact or fiction offer some reasons for different versions of events	begin to identify primary and secondary sources use evidence to build up a picture of life in time studied select relevant sections of information confident use of library, e-learning, research
Year 6	place current study on time line in relation to other studies use relevant dates and terms sequence up to ten events on a time line	look at the evidence available begin to evaluate the usefulness of different sources use of text books and historical knowledge	ink sources and work out how conclusions were arrived at consider ways of checking the accuracy of interpretations – fact or fiction and opinion be aware that different evidence will lead to different conclusions confident use of the library etc. for research	fit events into a display sorted by theme time use appropriate terms, matching dates to people and events record and communicate knowledge in different forms work independently and in groups showing initiative