History Skills Progression

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Chronological understanding	Place the time studied on a timeline Use dates and terms related to the study unit and passing of time Sequence several events or Artefacts	Place events from period studied on time line Use terms related to the period and begin to date events Understand confidently BC/AD	Know and sequence key events of time studied Use relevant terms and period labels Make comparisons between different times in the past	Place current study on time line in relation to other studies Use relevant dates and terms Sequence up to 10 events on a time line
	Understand BC/AD			
Range and depth of historical knowledge	Find out about everyday lives of Compare with our life today Identify reasons for and results of people in time studied people's actions Understand why people may have wanted to do something	Use evidence to reconstruct life in time studied Identify key features and events of time studied Look for links and effects in time Studied Offer a reasonable explanation for some events	Study different aspects of different people - differences Examine causes and results of between men and women great events and the impact on people Compare life in early and late 'times' studied Compare an aspect of lie with the same aspect in another period	Find out about beliefs, behaviour and characteristics of people, recognising that not everyone shares the same views and feelings Compare beliefs and behaviour with another time studied Write another explanation of a past event in terms of cause and effect using evidence to support and illustrate their explanation Know key dates, characters and events of time studied
Interpretations of history	Identify and give reasons for different ways in which the past is represented Distinguish between different sources - compare different versions of the same story	Look at the evidence available Begin to evaluate the usefulness of different sources Use text books and historical knowledge	Compare accounts of events from different sources - fact or fiction Offer some reasons for different versions of events	Link sources and work out how conclusions were arrive at Consider ways of checking the accuracy of interpretations - fact or fiction and opinion Be aware that different evidence will lead to different conclusions

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	Look at representations of the period - museum, cartoons etc			Confidently use the library and internet for research
Historical enquiry	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 and internet for research	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 and internet for research	Begin to identify primary and secondary sources Use evidence to build up a picture of a past event Select relevant sections of information Use the library and internet for research with increasing confidence	Recognise primary and secondary sources Use a range of sources to find out about an aspect of time past Suggest omissions and the means of finding out Bring knowledge gathered from several sources together in a fluent account
Organisation and communication	Communicate their knowledge and understanding	Recall, select and organise historical information Communicate their knowledge and understanding	Recall, select and organise historical information Communicate their knowledge and understanding	Select and organise information to produce structured work, making appropriate use of dates and terms.