Progression in History Skills

Skills	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Topics	Autumn 1&2 : Explorers Spring 1: Toys Spring 2: Grace Darling Summer 1: Travel & Transport	Autumn 1&2: Great Fire of London Summer 1&2: Danger at Sea	Autumn 1&2: World War One Spring 1&2: Stone Age to Iron Age	Autumn 1&2: Vikings Spring 1&2: Romans Summer 1&2: Egyptians	Autumn 1&2: Anglo Saxons and Scots Spring 1&2: Maya Civilisation Summer 1&2: Local study (Linked to Alnwick residential)	Autumn 1: Battle of Britain Spring 1&2: History of Medicine Summer 1&2: Ancient Greece
Chronology	Sequence events or objects in chronological order on a timeline	Sequence events, objects, photographs or people closer together in chronological order on a timeline	Sequence events and/or artefacts from the period studied on a timeline.	Place events from a studied period on a time line.	Place current study on a time line in relation to other studies.	Place current study on a time line in relation to other studies.
	Use words and phrases related to the passing of time e.g.	Understand and use the words past and present	Use dates related to the passing of time.	Use terms relating to the period and begin to date events.	Know and sequence key events in time studied.	Use relevant dates and terms.
	When I was younger/a long time ago etc Understand the	when telling others about an event. Describe memories of	Show awareness that the past can be divided into different historical	Understand more complex terms e.g. BC / AD.	Relate current studies to previous studies.	Identify and compare changes within and across different periods.
	difference between things that happened in the past and the present.	key events in lives and recount changes in my own life over time.	periods, e.g. developing awareness of AD and BC	Describe the main changes in a period in history.	Make comparisons between different times in history.	Understand how some historical events occurred concurrently in different locations i.e. Ancient Greek civilisation
					Understand more complex terms, and that a timeline can be divided into BC and AD.	and prehistoric Britain
					Describe the main changes in a period in history.	

Range and Depth of Historical Knowledge	Explain why people did things in the past	Look at evidence to give and explain reasons why	Find out about everyday lives of people in time	Use evidence to reconstruct life in time	Study different aspects of life of different	Find out about beliefs, behaviour and
		people in the past may have acted the way that they did, developing	studied (culture, leisure, clothes, way of life & buildings).	studied.	people – differences between men and women.	characteristics of people, recognising that not everyone shares the
		empathy and understanding		Identify key features and events in time		same views and feelings.
	Use a range of sources to find out	Final and all and an analy	Compare with our life today.	studied.	Examine causes and results of great events	Compare beliefs and
	characteristic features of the past.	Find out about people and events in other times and use		Offer a reasonable	and the impact on people.	behaviour with another period studied.
	Recall some facts	information to describe the past.	Identify reasons for and results of people's	explanation for some events.	Compare life in early	Write another
	about people/events before living memory.	Recount the main events from a significant	actions.	Develop a broad understanding of	and late times studied.	explanation of a past event in terms of cause and effect using evidence
	Begin to describe similarities and	event in history.	Study change through the lives of significant individuals.	ancient civilisations.	Compare an aspect of life with the same aspect in another	to support and illustrate explanation.
	differences in artefacts.	Confidently describe similarities and differences relating to		Describe similarities and differences between people, e.g. rich and	period.	Know key dates, characters and events of
		artefacts.		poor, events and artefacts studied.	Study an ancient civilisation in detail e.g. Maya	time studied.
				Describe how some of the things I have studied		Compare and contrast ancient civilisations e.g.
				from the past affect/influence life today.	Choose reliable sources of information to find out about the past.	comparing Greece with Egypt
					Give own reasons why changes may have occurred, backed up by evidence.	Choose reliable sources of information to find out about the past.
					Describe similarities and differences between some people, events and artefacts studied.	Give own reasons why changes may have occurred, backed up by evidence.

					Describe how historical events studied affect/ influence life today. Make links between some of the features of past societies. (e.g. religion, houses, society, technology).	Describe similarities and differences between some people, events and artefacts studied. Describe how historical events studied affect/ influence life today. Make links between some of the features of past societies. (e.g. religion, houses, society, technology).
Interpretations of History	Begin to identify different ways to represent the past e.g. photos, stories, discussion, books, videos & artefacts	Be able to identify different ways to represent the past. Compare pictures or photographs of events or people in the past.	Identify and give reasons for different ways in which the past is represented. Distinguish between different sources and suggest methods of finding answers by using these sources.	Look at the evidence available and begin to evaluate the usefulness of different sources. Look at different versions of the event in history and identify the differences. Know that people in the past represent events or ideas in a way that persuades others.	Compare accounts of events from different sources. Offer some reasons for different versions of events. Understand that some evidence from the past is propaganda, opinion and misinformation, and that this affects interpretations of history. Evaluate evidence to choose the most reliable forms.	Link sources and work out how conclusions were arrived at. Consider ways of checking the accuracy of interpretations – fact, fiction or opinion. Be aware that different evidence will lead to different conclusions. Understand that some evidence from the past is propaganda, opinion and misinformation, and that this affects interpretations of history. Evaluate evidence to choose the most reliable forms.

						Confidently use library etc for research.
Historical Enquiry	Use as wide a range of sources as possible to explain events etc.	Use a source – why, what, who, how, where to ask questions and find answers.	Use a range of sources and observe small details to ask and answer questions about a period of time.	Choose relevant material to present a picture of one aspect of life in time past.	Begin to identify primary and secondary sources.	Recognise primary and secondary sources.
	Ask and answer questions related to different sources and objects.	Use a wide range of information to answer people's questions.	Select and record information relevant to the study.	Ask a variety of questions and find answers independently using the library, e-	Use evidence to build up a picture of life in time studied.	Use a range of sources to find out about an aspect of time past.
		Be able to identify different ways to represent the past.	Ask a variety of questions, with increasing independence, using the library, e-learning, pictures, photographs, music, artefacts, historic buildings, visits to museums or galleries	learning, pictures, photographs, music, artefacts, historic buildings, visits to museums or galleries and visits to sites.	Select relevant sections of information. Confident use of library, e-learning pictures, photographs, music, artefacts, historic buildings, visits to museums or galleries	Confident use of library, e-learning pictures, photographs, music, artefacts, historic buildings, visits to museums or galleries and visits to sites to collect evidence about the past for research.
			and visits to sites.		and visits to sites to collect evidence about the past for research. Choose reliable sources of evidence to answer questions, realising that there is often not a	Choose reliable sources of evidence to answer questions, realising that there is often not a single answer to historical questions.
					single answer to historical questions. Investigate own lines of enquiry by posing questions to answers.	Investigate own lines of enquiry by posing questions to answers. Bring knowledge gathered from several sources together in a fluent account.
Organisation and Communication	Time lines e.g. 3D with objects/ sequential pictures	Use timelines to order events or objects or place significant people.	Communicate knowledge and understanding in a variety of ways – discussions, pictures,	Communicate knowledge and understanding in a variety of ways - writing, drawing, diagrams, data- handling, drama role-	Use appropriate terms, matching dates to people and events.	Use a variety of ways to communicate knowledge and understanding including extended writing.

Sort events or objects	Describe and	writing, annotations,	play, storytelling and	Record and	Plan and carry out
in to groups e.g. now	communicate ideas	drama.	using ICT.	communicate	individual investigations.
and then	about people, objects or			knowledge in different	
	events from the past in			forms, · work	
	speaking, writing,			independently and in	
Talk, write and draw	drawing, displays, role-			groups showing	
about things from the	play, storytelling and			initiative.	Communicate ideas
past, including	using ICT.				about from the past and
drama/role play				Communicate ideas	using different genres of
activities				about from the past and	writing, drawing,
				using different genres of	diagrams, data-handling,
				writing, drawing,	drama role-play,
Tell stories about the				diagrams, data-handling,	storytelling and using
past.				drama role-play,	ICT.
				storytelling and using	
				ICT.	Plan and present a self-
					directed project or
				Plan and present a self-	research about a studied
				directed project or	period.
				research about a studied	
				period.	