

Progression Map

History - Progression map

Year group	Chronological understanding	Range and depth of historical knowledge	Interpretations of history	Historical enquiry	Organisation and Communication
Nursery	*Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history.				
Reception		*Comment on images of familiar situations in the past.	*Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past.		
Year 1	*Sequence events in their life *Sequence 3 or 4 artefacts from distinctly periods of time	*Recognise the difference between past and present in their own and other's lives *They know and recount episodes from stories about the past	*Use stories to encourage children to distinguish between fact and fiction Compare sources talking about the past – how reliable are their memories?	*Find answers to simple questions about the pat from sources of information e.g. artefacts	*Communicate their knowledge through: Discussion
Year 2	*Sequence artefacts closer together in time *Sequence photographs etc. from different periods of history	*Recognise why people did things, why events happened and what happened as a result *Identify differences between ways of life at different times	*Compare 2 versions of a past event *Compare pictures or photographs of people or events in the past *Discuss reliability of photos/accounts/stories	*Use a source – observe or handle sources to answer questions about the past on the basis of simple observations	Drawing pictures Drama/role play Making models Writing Using ICT
Year 3	*Place the time studied on a timeline	*Find out about everyday lives of people in time studied	*Identify and give reasons for different ways in which the past is represented	*Use a range of sources to find out about a period *Observe small details – artefacts, pictures	*Recall, select and organise historical information



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	*Use dates and terms	*Compare with our life	*Distinguish between	*Select and record	*Communicate their
	related to the study unit	today	*different sources –	information relevant to the	knowledge and
	and passing of time	*Identify reasons for and	compare different versions	study	understanding – providing
		results of people's actions	of the same story	*Begin to use the library	children with a creative
		*Understand why people	*Look at representations of	and internet for research	opportunity to
		may have wanted to do	the period – museum,		independently present their
		something	cartoon etc.		work
Year 4	*Place events from period	*Use evidence to	*Look at the evidence	*Use evidence to build up a	
	studied on time line	reconstruct life in time	available	picture of a past event	
	*Use terms related to the	studied	*Begin to evaluate the	*Choose relevant material	
	period and begin to date	*Identify key features and	usefulness of different	to present a picture of one	
	events	events of time studied	sources	aspect of life in time past	
	*Understand more complex	*Look for links and effects	*Use text books and	*Ask a variety of questions	
	terms e.g. BC/AD	in time studied	historical knowledge	*Use the library and	
		*Offer a reasonable		internet for research	
		explanation for some			
		events			
Year 5	*Know and sequence key	*Study different aspects of	*Compare accounts of	*Begin to identify primary	
	events of time studied	different people –	events from different	and secondary sources	
	*Use relevant terms and	differences between men	sources – fact or fiction	*Use evidence to build up a	
	period labels	and women	*Offer some reasons for	picture of a past event	
	*Make comparisons	*Examine causes and	different versions of events	*Select relevant sections of	
	between different times in	results of great events and		information	
	the past	the impact on people		*Use the library and	
		*Compare life in early and		internet for research with	
		late 'times' studied		increasing confidence	
		*Compare an aspect of life			
		with the same aspect in			*Select and organise
		another period			information to produce



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Year 6	*Place current study on	*Find out about beliefs,	*Link sources and work out	*Recognise primary and	structured work, making
	time line in relation to	behaviour and	how conclusions were	secondary sources	appropriate use of dates
	other studies	characteristics of people,	arrived at	*Use a range of sources to	and terms
	*A living graph/timeline –	recognising that not	*Consider ways of checking	find out about an aspect of	
	move significant times	everyone shares views and	the accuracy of	time past	
	up/down in regards to most	feelings	interpretations – fact or	*Suggest omissions and the	
	powerful with a justifiable	*Compare beliefs and	fiction and opinion	means of finding out	
	reason	behaviour with another	*Be aware that different	*Bring knowledge gathered	
	*Use relevant dates and	time studied	evidence will lead to	from several sources	
	terms	*Write another explanation	different conclusions	together in a fluent account	
		of a past event in terms of	*Confidently use the library		
		cause and effect using	and internet for research		
		evidence to support and			
		illustrate their explanation			
		*Know key dates,			
		characters and events of			
		time studied			