

Year group	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Historical interpretations	<ul> <li>Understanding the world</li> <li>Begin to make sense of their own life story and family's history.</li> <li>Comment on images of familiar situations in the past.</li> <li>Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past.</li> <li>Talk about the lives of people around them and</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Start to compare two versions of a past event.</li> <li>Observe and use pictures, photographs and artefacts to find out about the past.</li> <li>Start to use stories or accounts to distinguish between fact and fiction.</li> <li>Explain that there are different types of evidence and sources that can be used to help represent the past.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Look at more than two versions of the same event or story in history and identify differences.</li> <li>Investigate different accounts of historical events and be able to explain some of the reasons why the accounts may be different.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Find and analyse a wide range of evidence about the past.</li> <li>Use a range of evidence to offer some clear reasons for different interpretations of events, linking this to factual understanding about the past.</li> <li>Consider different ways of checking the accuracy of interpretations of the past.</li> <li>Start to understand the difference between primary and secondary evidence and the impact of this on reliability.</li> <li>Show an awareness of the concept of propaganda.</li> <li>Know that people in the past represent events or ideas in a way that may be to persuade others.</li> <li>Begin to evaluate the usefulness of different sources.</li> </ul>	
Historical investigations		<ul> <li>Observe or handle evidence to ask simple questions about the past.</li> <li>Observe or handle evidence to find answers to simple questions about the past on the basis of simple observations.</li> <li>Choose and select evidence and say how it can be used to find out about the past.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Use a range of primary and secondary sources to find out about the past.</li> <li>Construct informed responses about one aspect of life or a key event in the past through careful selection and organisation of relevant historical information.</li> <li>gather more detail from sources such as maps to build up a clearer picture of the past.</li> <li>Regularly address and sometimes devise own questions to find answers about the past.</li> <li>Begin to undertake their own research.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Recognise when they are using primary and secondary sources of information to investigate the past.</li> <li>Use a wide range of different evidence to collect evidence about the past, such as ceramics, pictures, documents, printed sources, posters, online material, pictures, photographs, artefacts, historic statues, figures, sculptures, historic sites</li> <li>Select relevant sections of information to address historically valid questions and construct detailed, informed response</li> <li>Investigate their own lines of enquiry by posing historically valid questions to answer.</li> </ul>	

Chronological understanding	<ul> <li>Sequence artefacts and events that are close together in time.</li> <li>Order dates from earliest to latest on simple timelines.</li> <li>Sequence pictures from different periods.</li> <li>Describe memories and changes that have happened in their own lives.</li> <li>Use words and phrases such as: old, new, earliest, latest, past, present, future, century, new, newest, old, oldest, modern, before, after to show the passing of time.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sequence several events, artefacts or historical figures on a timeline using dates, including those that are sometimes further apart, and terms related to the unit being studied and passing of time.</li> <li>Understand that a timeline can be divided into BC (Before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Order an increasing number of significant events, movements and dates on a timeline using dates accurately.</li> <li>Accurately use dates and terms to describe historical events.</li> <li>Understand and describe in some detail the main changes to an aspect in a period in history.</li> <li>Understand how some historical events/periods occurred concurrently in different locations, e.g. Indus Valley and Ancient Egypt.</li> </ul>
Knowledge and understanding of events, people and changes in the past	<ul> <li>Recognise some similarities and differences between the past and the present.</li> <li>Identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods.</li> <li>Know and recount episodes from stories and significant events in history.</li> <li>Understand that there are reasons why people in the past acted as they did.</li> <li>Describe significant individuals from the past.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Note key changes over a period of time and be able to give reasons for those changes.</li> <li>Find out about the everyday lives of people in time studied compared with our life today.</li> <li>Explain how people and events in the past have influenced life today.</li> <li>Identify key features, aspects and events of the time studied.</li> <li>Describe connections and contrasts between aspects of history, people, events and artefacts studied.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Identify and note connections, contrasts and trends over time in the everyday lives of people.</li> <li>Use appropriate historical terms such as culture, religious, social, economic and political when describing the past.</li> <li>Examine causes and results of great events and the impact these had on people.</li> <li>Describe the key features of the past, including attitudes, beliefs and the everyday lives of men, women and children.</li> </ul>
Presenting, organising and communicating	<ul> <li>Show an understanding of historical terms, such as monarch, parliament, government, war, remembrance.</li> <li>Talk, write and draw about things from the past.</li> <li>Use historical vocabulary to retell simple stories about the past.</li> <li>Use drama/role play to communicate their knowledge about the past.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use and understand appropriate historical vocabulary to communicate information such as ruled, reigned, empire, invasion, conquer, kingdoms.</li> <li>Present, communicate and organise ideas about the past using models, drama role play and different genres of writing including letters, recounts, poems, adverts, diaries, posters and guides.</li> <li>Start to present ideas based on their own research about a studied period.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Know and show a good understanding of historical vocabulary including abstract terms such as democracy, civilisation, social, political, economic, cultural, religious;</li> <li>Present, communicate and organise ideas about from the past using detailed discussions and debates and different genres of writing such as myths, instructions, accounts, diaries, letters, information/travel guides, posters, news reports.</li> <li>Plan and present a self-directed project or research about the studied period.</li> </ul>