

Knowledge and Skills Progression : Year 1 to Year 6

History Curriculum Option 1

| Year | Term | Scheme of work | Historical enquiry | Historical understanding | Chronological understanding | Vocabulary |
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| 1 | Aut | Toys Past and Present | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I know that some objects were different in the past to how they are today. I can describe old objects. I can identify objects that are old and objects that are new. I can compare old and new objects. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I know that the toys my parents and grandparents played with are different to the toys I play with today. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can order decades chronologically. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decade |
| 1 | Spr | Intrepid Explorers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can use simple texts to find out about people who lived a long time ago. I can pose simple questions to find out about the past. I can compare the lives and achievements of two famous historical figures. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I know that life was very different in the past to how it is today. I know that people knew less about the world in the past than we know today. I know that some people's achievements and discoveries can change the world. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can distinguish between different periods in time using simple markers, such as inventions. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explorer Exploration New World |
| 1 | Sum | Castles | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can use simple texts to find out about people and events of the past. I can use photographs of castles to find out about the past. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I know that people fight battles to take control of a country. I know that castles were built as fortresses and can explain why this was necessary. I can suggest some actions a new monarch would need to take to make sure his crown was safe. I can explain the roles of different people in medieval society, such as lords, squires, cooks, jesters and peasants. I can explain how uses for castles have changed over time. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I know when the Normans lived. I can organise events into a simple timeline. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medieval Rebellion Monarch Monarchy Normans |

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| 2 | Aut | Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can use simple texts and images to find out about the past. I can use my knowledge of the past to guess how people at the time might have felt. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I know that King James was king during the time of the gunpowder plot. I understand that people wanted different people to be monarchs because some were Catholic and some were Protestant. I understand the reasons behind the gunpowder plot. I can name some monarchs, including King James I and Elizabeth I. I can explain why events in the past are still significant today. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can order simple events chronologically. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parliament |
| 2 | Spr | Florence Nightingale | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can use a photograph to infer facts about a person and time period. I can use quotes from historical figures to learn about people and events in the past. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I know that rich women in Victorian times did not usually have jobs. I know that men and women had very different roles in Victorian times. I know that medical care was very different in Victorian times to today. I can explain how hospitals were different in Victorian times to how they are today, using pictures to help me. I can explain why Florence Nightingale is still remembered today. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I know when the Victorian era was. I can explain the life and achievements of Florence Nightingale in chronological order. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Victorians Chronological Century |
| 2 | Sum | What were seaside holidays like in the past? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can use a range of photographs to infer information about the past. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can explain why changes in society, particularly the steam train, made seaside holidays popular. I know that the lives of rich and poor people were very different in the past. I know that changes in society led to seaside holidays becoming very popular in Victorian times. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can order photos from three different eras chronologically. I can compare the features of seaside holidays 100 years ago, 50 years ago and today. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steam train Tradition Bathing machine Promenade Modern Old-fashioned |

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| 3 | Aut | Stone Age to Iron Age (History Lessons in The Prehistoric World topic) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can explain how archaeologists use artefacts to learn about the past. I can explain some of the methods archaeologists use to find out about the past. I can explain why Star Carr is an important archaeological site. I can use a variety of sources to answer questions about the past. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I know what the term 'prehistory' means. I know that the Stone Age can be split into three different time periods. I can describe the main features and developments of each of the eras of prehistory. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can place the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age on a timeline. I know that prehistory spans millions of years. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prehistory Archaeologist Archaeology Palaeolithic Mesolithic Neolithic |
| 3 | Spr | Invaders and Settlers: Romans | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can consider different points of view about a historical events. I can study different accounts of a historical figure and suggest why they are different. I can gather information from books, texts and pictures to find out about aspects of life in Roman Britain. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can explain why and how the Romans invaded Britain. I know that Celts were living in Britain at the time of the Roman invasion. I can describe what life was like in Celtic Britain. I can describe the events surrounding Boudicca's revolt. I can describe some of the technological advances that the Romans brought to Britain. I can suggest how Britain might be different today if the Romans had never invaded. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can suggest where the Romans would be on a timeline, drawing on my knowledge of the past. I can place the Romans on a timeline. I know when the Romans invaded Britain by working out how many of my lifetimes it has been since 43 AD. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invade Settle Roman Empire Emperor Revolt |
| 3 | Sum | Ancient Egypt | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can explore artefacts found in Tutankhamen's tomb to infer understanding about ancient Egypt. I can make suggestions about what unfamiliar artefacts might have been used for. I can explain the significance of the discovery of the Rosetta stone. I can generate questions I want to find the answers to about life in ancient Egypt. I can choose an area I wish to research, and use a variety of sources to carry out my research. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can describe the features of daily life in ancient Egypt. I can explain the events surrounding the discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb. I can describe ancient Egyptian beliefs in the afterlife. I explain the process of mummification. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can describe the difference between ancient and modern periods. I know when the ancient Egyptian civilisation was. I can sort pictures into those that depict scenes from ancient Egypt and those that depict scenes from other eras. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Civilisation Ancient Modern Ancient Egypt Before Common Era Common Era |

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| 4 | Aut | Early Civilisations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can make predictions about objects that might have been invented before, during and after early civilisations. • I can use different sources of information to confirm if my predictions were correct or not. • I can distinguish whether a given sentence is fact, myth or unknown, using historical sources to support my decisions. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I know where in the world the earliest civilisations took place. • I can describe and compare some of the first writing systems. • I can explain how some writing systems developed through time. • I can translate sentences from the Phoenician alphabet. • I can explain where and when money was first used. • I can explain some early number systems and why they were developed. • I can describe some of the technological advances of early civilisations. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can explain the difference between AD years and BC years. • I can place the earliest civilisations on a timeline. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient Sumer • Indus Valley • Minoan • Ancient Greece • Ancient Egypt • Shang Dynasty • Phoenician • Ancient Rome |
| 4 | Spr | Anglo-Saxons, Picts and Scots | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can explain some of the ways archaeologists choose which sites to excavate. • I know that there are questions about the past that have not yet been decisively answered by historians. • I can use artefacts to support my ideas about who was buried at Sutton Hoo. • I can find out about daily life for Anglo-Saxons using riddles, recipes and games from the time. • I can read the story of Beowulf to find out about life in Anglo-Saxon Britain. • I can use what I know about pagan and Christian traditions to suggest whether the person buried at Sutton Hoo was pagan or Christian, and use this to infer further facts. • I know that I need to think critically about a historical source in order to assess its reliability. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I know who the Anglo-Saxons were and where in Europe they came from. • I know who the Picts and Scots were and that they had lived unconquered in Britain since the Mesolithic era. • I can explain some of the features of daily life for the Anglo-Saxons, Picts and Scots. • I can write my name using the Ogham alphabet. • I can explain how Christianity came to Britain. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can place the Anglo-Saxons on a timeline. • I know that the Anglo-Saxons lived in Britain after the collapse of the Roman Empire. • I know when Christianity came to Britain. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sutton Hoo • Anglo-Saxons • Picts • Scots • Conquer • Pagan |

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| 4 | Sum | The Maya | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can generate multiple questions to explore, choosing the ones I most want to investigate. • I understand the importance of translating the Mayan writing system for historians to learn about the Mayan civilisation. • I understand the importance of preserving historical documents and artefacts. • I know that knowledge about the past is constantly improving as historians make more discoveries. • I can make suggestions about why the Mayan civilisation ended, based on my knowledge of the period. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can explain how the Mayan ruins were discovered. • I know that the Mayans were organised into city states that were controlled by absolute monarchs. • I can explain the roles and status of different types of people in Mayan society. • I can describe Mayan religious beliefs, including the need for blood sacrifices. • I can describe the Mayan number and writing systems, and the Mayan calendar. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I know when the Mayan civilisation was. • I can organise key events from the Mayan civilisation on a timeline with their AD/BC dates. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aztec • Conquistador • Colony • Maya • Constitutional monarchy • Democracy • City state • Absolute monarchy |
| 5 | Aut | Vikings vs Anglo-Saxons | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can use a picture of maps in Britain in 793 and 886 to explain what might have happened in the interim, based on my understanding of the period. • I can read extracts from increasingly challenging sources, such as the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, to find out about the past. • I can find out about key people in history, such as Edmund Ironsides, Ethelred the Unready and Cnut the Great, and use this information to help explain the events that led to England becoming a unified country. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I know that by the year 600, England was divided into seven kingdoms, each with an independent monarch. • I can describe the reasons and events surrounding the Viking invasions. • I can describe what the Danelaw was. • I know who King Alfred was and why he was dubbed 'the Great'. • I can compare and contrast what life was like for Anglo-Saxons and Vikings in Britain. • I can explain in detail the events surrounding the Battle of Hastings in 1066. • I have an increasing understanding of the struggle for power and how this changed England. • I can explain how England became a unified country. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can describe what Britain was like before the arrival of the Vikings. • I can use dates with increasing fluency to describe historical events and eras. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vikings • Peace treaty • Danelaw |

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| 5 | Spr | Shang Dynasty | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I know that some historical sources are written thousands of years after the event and are thus unreliable. • I know that archaeologists use evidence from the oracle bones to learn about the Shang Dynasty. • I can compare evidence about the Shang Dynasty from traditional history books and archaeologists, and state which is more reliable. • I can read poetry from the oldest recorded Chinese poetry book to find out about the end of the Shang Dynasty, and assess its reliability. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I know that the Shang Dynasty was the first Chinese civilisation to leave written evidence behind. • I know that the line of succession in the Shang Dynasty ran from brother to brother or nephew, as opposed to the more traditional father to son. • I can explain what oracle bones were used for and why they are a useful historical source. • I can describe what aspects of daily life were like for ordinary people of the Shang Dynasty. • I can describe the writing system of the Shang Dynasty and identify some of the pictographs. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can identify the Shang Dynasty on a timeline of ancient China. • I know that the Shang Dynasty was in power during the Bronze Age of Britain. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dynasty • Shang Dynasty |
| 5 | Sum | Who were the ancient Greeks? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can infer information about daily life in ancient Greece by studying ancient Greek artefacts. • I can identify the difference between primary and secondary sources of information. • I can use a variety of primary and secondary sources to gather information about the ancient Greeks and their way of life, including myths. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can describe some features of each of the periods in the ancient Greek civilisation. • I know that ancient Greece was made up of independent city states. • I know that there were three main types of government in ancient Greece: monarchy, oligarchy and democracy. • I can consider the advantages and disadvantages of a monarchy, oligarchy and democracy. • I can compare and contrast the city states of Athens and Sparta. • I can name some of the major ancient Greek gods and explain each one's characteristics. • I know that the Olympic Games were first held to honour the god Zeus and that the Panathenaic Games were held to honour the goddess Athena. • I can name some famous ancient Greek philosophers and explain why they are remembered today. • I can explain some of the ways in which modern society has been influenced by the ancient Greek civilisation. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can arrange key civilisations in world history chronologically. • I can name the periods in the ancient Greek civilisation and order them on a timeline. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient Greece • Minoan age • Mycenaean age • Dark age • Classical period • Archaic period • Athens • Sparta • Peloponnesian • Hellenistic period • Polis (city states) • Oligarchy • Democracy • Primary source • Secondary source • Olympia • Olympians |

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| 6 | Aut | Crime and Punishment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can use extracts from historical fiction to identify and explore aspects of crime and punishment in that era. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can sort cards with different crimes, detections and punishments into different time periods, based on my understanding of the past. I can describe features and changes in crime and punishment in Britain in the Roman, Anglo-Saxon, Viking, medieval, Tudor, early modern period, Victorian and the modern day. I can describe how aspects of crime and punishment changed and evolved in Britain since the Roman period. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can summarise what I know about different British time periods. I can explain how the theme of crime and punishment evolved in Britain chronologically. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Pillory Poacher Highwayman Tudor Early modern period |
| 6 | Spr | [Local Study] | | | | |
| 6 | Sum | How has life in Britain changed since 1948? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can suggest which decade a photo was taken in using historical clues. I know the difference between a primary and a secondary source. I can suggest which sources I would need to consult to research different eras in British history. I can identify whether a source is a primary or secondary source. I can use primary and secondary sources to research different decades. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can describe some of the features of life in Britain for each decade from the 1950s to the 1990s. I can suggest which changes have had the biggest impact in Britain since 1948. I can summarise the changes in Britain since 1948. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can describe changes in Britain since 1948 chronologically. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary source Secondary source |