



History Skills Progression	Key Stage 2			
	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Areas Of Study	• Stone Age • Bronze Age	Romans     Anglo-Saxons	• Maya • Trojan	Battle of Britain     Shang Dynasty
Chronological knowledge / understanding (including characteristic features of periods)	Continue to develop chronologically secure knowledge of history by the realisation that the past can be divided into different periods of time.  Recognition of some of the similarities and differences between these periods, and their use of dates and terms.  Continue to develop chronologically secure knowledge of history	Continue to develop chronologically secure knowledge of history by the realisation that the past can be divided into different periods of time.  Recognition of some of the similarities and differences between these periods, and their use of dates and terms.  Continue to develop chronologically secure knowledge of history	Develop a chronologically secure knowledge of history.  Demonstrate factual knowledge and understanding of aspects of the history of Britain and the wider world.  Describe characteristic features of past societies and periods and identify changes within different periods.  Establish clear narratives within periods studied	Develop a chronologically secure knowledge of history by establishing a clear narrative within and across periods studied.  Demonstrate factual knowledge and understanding of aspects of the history of Britain and the wider world.  Describe characteristic features of past societies and periods and identify changes within and across different periods.  Note connections, contrasts and trends over time





Historical terms e.g. empire, peasant  Knowledge and understanding	Develop the appropriate use of historical terms.  Show knowledge and	Develop the appropriate use of historical terms  Show knowledge and	Develop the appropriate use of historical terms  Show increasing depth of	Appropriate use of historical terms sometimes in an increasingly sophisticated way.  Use their factual
of events, people and changes in the past	understanding of some of the main events, people and changes studied.  Begin to give a few reasons for, and results of, the main events and changes.	understanding of some of the main events, people and changes studied.  They give reasons for, and results of, the main events and changes.	factual knowledge and understanding of aspects of the history of Britain and the wider world.  They describe and make links between people, events and changes and give reasons for, and results of, these events and changes.	knowledge and understanding of the history of Britain and the wider world to describe periods studied.  Use this to describe features of past societies and periods and to begin to make links between them.  They describe and make links between people, events and changes and give reasons for, and results of, these events and changes.
Historical Enquiry – using evidence/communicating ideas	Regularly address and begin to devise historically valid questions *  Understand how knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources	Regularly address and sometimes devise historically valid questions*  Understand how knowledge of the past is	Regularly address and sometimes devise historically valid questions*  Understand how knowledge of the past is	Regularly address and devise historically valid questions *  Understand how knowledge of the past is constructed from a range

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	Begin to select relevant	constructed from a range	constructed from a range	of sources and evaluate
	historical information	of sources	of sources and begin to	those sources and identify
		or sources	evaluate those sources.	uses fora particular tasks.
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		Select relevant historical	Calculated by the	<b>-</b> 1
		information	Select and begin to	They are able to select and
			combine information from	combine information from
			different sources.	different sources.
				Construction
				Construct informed
				responses that involve
				thoughtful selection and
				organisation of relevant
				historical information.
				Selecting and organising
				relevant historical
				information
Interpretations of history	They identify some of the	Identify some of the	They show some	Understand that some
	different ways in which the	different ways in which the	understanding that aspects	events, people and
	past is represented	past is represented	of the past have been	changes have been
			represented and	interpreted in different
			interpreted in different	ways and suggest reasons
			ways.	for this.
Organisation and	They are beginning to	They are beginning to	Select and organise	Organise and present ideas
Communication.	produce structured work,	produce structured work,	information to produce	effectively using
making appropriate use of		making appropriate use of	structured work, making	understanding and
	dates and terms.	dates and terms	appropriate use of dates	knowledge of history.
			and terms.	

* Questions relate to these key concepts that	key Stage 2
underpin all historical enquiry, developed	
through regular re-visiting in a range of	
contexts:	





Continuity and Change – in and between periods	Describe / make links between main events, situations and changes within and across different periods/societies
Cause and Consequence	Identify and give reasons for, results of, historical events, situations, changes
Similarity and Difference – within a period/situation	Describe social, cultural, religious and ethnic diversity in Britain & the wider world
Significance – of events/people	Identify historically significant people and events in situations