



EYFS: Reception - Vocabulary progression

Peek into the past

- a long time ago
- after
- baby
- before
- change
- child
- different
- history
- I remember
- new

- now
- old
- order
- past
- photograph
- present
- similar
- then
- toddler
- when I was little

Adventures through time

- courageous
- achievement
- dad
- family
- fairytale
- grandad
- grandma
- hoop
- horse drawn cart
- king
- mum

- new
- old
- older
- past
- power
- present
- queen
- royalty
- rule
- steam train





Year 1 - Vocabulary progression

Disciplinary concepts

Historical enquiry

ask photograph investigate similar/similarity explain different/ difference

question change
artefacts same
object event
sort remember
group memory
compare/comparison celebration
interview special

Chronological awareness

morning today afternoon tomorrow

evening last week/month/year/day

order memory

now within living memory present beyond living memory

past old
recent new
timeline sequence
lifetime modern
future after
date long ago
before

Topic knowledge

How am I making history?

siblings parent grand parent great grandparent childhood time capsule

What were toys like in the past?

toy wooden plastic metal mohair

How have explorers changed the world?

explorer
exploration
achievement
discovery
transport
equipment
yacht
voyage
solo
North Pole
resilience
determination

qualities coat of arms





Year 2 - Vocabulary progression

Disciplinary concepts	Topic knowledge	
Historical enquiry	How was school different in the past?	
sources primary source evidence contrast historic historically significant eye witness account eye witness	school log book textbook blackboard abacus slate chalk pen and ink stove	
	How did we learn to fly?	
	inventor flight	
Chronological awareness		
Decade Anglo-Saxon	What is a monarch?	
	monarch power ruler absolute monarchy anointing armed forces attack bailey battle battlements Bayeux Tapestry ceremony concentric castle constitutional monarchy	conquer coronation crowning defend earl fortified manor house gatehouse government head of state invade investing keep





Year 3 - Vocabulary progression

Discipli	inary concepts	Topic knowledge		
Historical enquiry British history 1: Would you prefer to live in the Stone Age, B		onze Age or Iron Age?		
secondary source remains certainty possibility confirm prove informed guess archaeological evidence		Skara Brae, Orkney Islands hearth settlement flint roundhouse	chief metalwork -copper, bronze, gold, tin mining trade (a job requiring manual skills) arrowheads import	export trade (buying and selling goods/services) exchange goods barter
		British history 2: Why did the Romans settle in Britain?		
reconstruction informed guess continuity historical significance criteria interpretation inference observation deduction legacy	Briton Romans Celts enslaved tin togas settlers Picts pilum galea	armour scutum caligae gladius tunic legionary legion legatus cohort century	centurion formation testudo wedge tablet aqueduct state legal system	
Chronolo	gical awareness	What did the Egyptians be	elieve?	
AD- Anno Domini BC- Before Christ period prehistory prehistoric Palaeolithic Mesolithic Neolithic Stone Age	Bronze Age Iron Age duration Old Kingdom Middle Kingdom New Kingdom Late period Ptolemaic period chronology	civilisation Delta Egypt Lower Egypt Upper Egypt River Nile Delta Atum creation story Horus Isis Nun Osiris	Ankh Anubis Book of the Dead hieroglyphs Osiris papyrus weighing of the heart Skemet Ra Casing stones Pharaoh foundations limestone blocks	pulley pyramid quarrying ramps amulet canopic jars embalmer immortal linen natron preserve resin sarcophagus





Year 4 - Vocabulary progression

Disciplinary concepts	Topic knowledge			
Historical enquiry	How have children's lives changed?			
observation inference deduction life expectancy significant propaganda evaluate rank bias one-sided balanced viewpoint perspective cause consequence events impact conclusion enquiry supporting evidence credibility Chronological awareness Tudor period (1485-1603) Victorian period (1837-1901) Anglo-Saxons (410 - 1066) Vikings (800 to 1066)	apprentice/ apprenticeship master occupation politicians parliament poverty ragged schools life expectancy plague living conditions	sanitation working conditions working hours factory owners chaffing wheat oath mine/miner/ mining trapper bird scarer hurrier servant	housemaid wealthy wages textile mill bill pass (pass a bill) reform act The Factory Act The Coal Mines Act The Chimney Sweepers Act	
	British history 2: How hard was it to invade and settle in Britain?			
	Angles Saxons Jutes Picts Invasion Britons Romans empire longships wattle and daub	Wessex claimants kingdom Northumbria Mercia Wessex East Anglia Kent villages thatch straw hut	cauldron Battle of Edington Danelaw leadership qualities Sutton Hoo burial mound Christianity missionaries Pope peasants	
	Were the Vikings raiders, traders or settlers?			
	trader engineer raider Anglo-Saxon chronicle ballast hull	keel mast longboat oars Rudder garnet Hedeby	Jorvik quernstone Danelaw paganism sacred	





Year 5 - Vocabulary progression

Disciplinary concepts		Topic knowledge		
Historical enquiry		What was life like in Tudor times?		
census reliable audience purpose accuracy creator representation council chamber records	official record justify opinion historical investigation link interpretation will inventory value transcribe prediction	House of Lancaster House of York Battle of Bosworth tyrant execute Tower of London heir Royal Progress nobles litter	dunghill mace procession trading laws court town clerk pageant courtiers noblemen valuation	parchment quill pen parlour chamber buttery merchant pewter free enslaved tournament shilling
		What did the Greeks ever do for us?		
Chronological awareness Minoan Civilisation Mycenaean Period - The period Dark Ages Archaic Period Classical Golden Period Hellenistic Period		Mediterranean Sea Aegean Sea Ionian Sea Mount Olympus Zeus Hera Aphrodite Poseidon Demeter Athena Apollo	Artemis Hephaestus Hermes Dionysus democracy oligarchy location city-state Athens Sparta landlocked	assembly direct democracy representative democracy philosophy formula ethics logic legacy impact
		How did the Maya civilisation compare to the Anglo-Saxons?		
		abandon Classic period decline deforestation	drought hieroglyphics pyramid rainforest slash and burn tropical rainforest	





Year 6 - Vocabulary progression

Disciplinary knowledge	Topic knowledge		
Historical enquiry	What does the census tell us about our local area?		
church records court records records from places of work factory records enumeration books trustworthy death records reliability	head of the household title scholar enumerator condition cotton mill worker overlooked	joiner can-hooker carding piecer flax yarn linen nobbins	severance pay compensation income workhouse suffragette governess
criteria significance	British history 6: What was the impact of World War II on the people of Britain?		
Chronological awareness No new vocabulary	appeasement Treaty of Versailles reparations allies disarm debt unrest prosperity RAF Luftwaffe sorties	Operation Sealion bomb aimer scramble The Blitz air raid shelter Anderson shelter blackout evacuation Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF) Women's Royal Naval Service (WRNS)	Air Transport Auxiliary (ATA) Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS) Special Operations Executive (SEO) Women's Land Army Women's Liberation Movement
	Unheard histories: Who should go on the banknote?	The Sikh Empire	
	issuing bank remarkable remembered watermark	cultural diversity cultural exchange global trade Maharaja Ranjit Singh maritime routes Punjab Sikh Confederacy (Misl Confederacy) Sikh Empire unification	