

History Disciplinary Progression

Strand	EYFS	KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
Chronology	Talk about past and present in own life	Place events in simple sequence	Understand historical periods and timelines	Use chronological frameworks across multiple periods
Cause and Consequence	Notice simple reasons why things happen	Explain why events happened	Recognise multiple causes and consequences	Evaluate relative importance of causes
Change and Continuity	Notice differences between past and present	Identify simple changes over time	Recognise patterns of change and continuity	Analyse turning points and long-term change
Historical Significance	Recognise important people or events	Explain why someone or something was important	Consider why events mattered in the past	Evaluate significance using historical criteria
Evidence and Sources	Look at photos, stories or artefacts	Ask questions about historical sources	Draw inferences from evidence	Evaluate reliability and limitations of sources
Historical Interpretation	Hear different stories about the past	Recognise that accounts may differ	Explain why interpretations differ	Critically compare historical interpretations
Historical Enquiry	Ask questions about the past	Answer questions using simple evidence	Select and organise evidence to answer questions	Construct reasoned historical explanations