Lightcliffe CofE Primary School

History Progression of Skills 2025-26





Skill	Year 1	Year 2
Chronology	C1.1-Understand the difference between things that happened in the past and the present. C1.2-Describe things that happened to themselves and other people in the past. C1.3-Order a set of events or objects C1.4-Use a timeline to place important events. C1.5-Use words and phrases such as: now, yesterday, last week, when I was younger, a long time ago, a very long time ago, before I was born.	C2.1-Understand and accurately use the words past, C2.2-present, then, now, before and after when telling others about an event. C2.3-Recount changes in their own life over time. C2.4-Understand how to sequence people, events and objects in order of when they happened and give reasons for the order. C2.5-Use a timeline to place important events
Knowledge and Understanding of historical events.	KU1.1-Identify objects/ events from the past. KU1.2-Begin to identify differences between items from the past and similar items now. KU1.3-Give examples of how their childhood differs from the childhood of people in the past. KU1.4-Recognise that we celebrate certain events (e.g. bonfire night) because of what happened many years ago. KU1.5-Recount interesting facts about a historical event (e.g., how the Great Fire of London started)	KU2.1-Discuss and understand the significance and meaning of recurring historical events/celebrations (Remembrance Day, bonfire night) KU2.2-Appreciate that some famous people have made our lives better today in varied ways. KU2.3-Learn about the life of someone famous in Britain (Wright Brothers, Bessie Coleman, Samuel Pepys). KU2.4-Explain why Britain has a special history by naming some famous events and people KU2.5-Compare and contrast their locality now and in the past
Historical Enquiry	HE1.1-Ask and answer questions about old and new objects/ events. HE1.2-Ask and answer questions using an artefact or photograph provided. HE1.3-Give a plausible explanation about what an object was used for in the past. HE1.4-Find out more about a famous person from the past and carry out research on them	HE2.1-Ask and answer questions using a wider range of sources. including people, photographs, non-fiction books and the internet. HE2.2-Identify the different ways in which the past is represented and how we learn about the past.

Skill	Year 3	Year 4
Chronology	C3.1-Understand that a timeline can be divided into BC (Before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini) C3.2-Understand and use the vocabulary: ancient, century and decade C3.3-Use a timeline to place historical events in chronological order. C3.4-Describe dates and order significant events from the period studied.	C4.1-Plot historical periods on a timeline using centuries -Understand that a timeline can be divided into BC (Before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini) and refer to this when placing events C4.2-Order significant events and dates on a timeline C4.3-Describe the main changes in a period in history C4.4-Understand how some historical events occurred concurrently in different locations i.e. Ancient Egypt and Prehistoric Britain.
Knowledge and Understanding of historical events.	KU3.1Describe similarities and differences between different people, events, time periods and artefacts KU3.2-Give reasons for specific events, supported by evidence KU3.3-Gather evidence about the past through visits using various historical artefacts KU3.4-Use evidence to describe buildings and their uses for people in the past.	KU4.1Recognise that Britain has been invaded in the past and that this has influenced life in Britain KU4.2-Use evidence to show how the lives of rich and poor differed KU4.3-Describe how some of the things I have studied from the past affect/influence the present KU4.4-Start to understand how and why early settlements developed in Britain KU4.5-To understand how major events in British History have contributed to formation of the United Kingdom
Historical Enquiry	HE3.1-Gather evidence about the past through visits to sites of historical interest. HE3.2-Ask questions and find answers about the past using different sources. HE3.3-Recognise the part that archaeologists had/have in helping us understand the past. HE3.4-Discuss similarities and differences between different periods of history.	HE4.1-Hypothesise what life would have been like for different people in the past. HE4.2-To begin to choose appropriate sources and select evidence from those sources to respond to an historical question. HE4.3-Give more than one reason to support an historical argument.

Skill	Year 5	Year 6
Chronology	C5.1-Refer to dates and use historical chronological language in their work C5.2-Describe the main changes in a period in history C5.3-Order significant events, movements and dates on a timeline	C6.1-Order significant events, movements and dates on a timeline. C6.2Place a specific event on a timeline by decade C6.3-dentify and compare changes within and across different periods C6.4-Place features of historical events and people from past societies and periods in a chronological framework
Knowledge and Understanding of historical events.	KU5.1-Ask questions and find answers about the past using different sources. KU5.2-Recognise the part that archaeologists had/have in helping us understand the past. KU5.3-Discuss similarities and differences between different periods of history. KU5.4-Make links between features of past societies e.g. weaponry, homes KU5.5-Suggest why certain people acted as they did in history	KU6.1 - Chronologically summarise the main events from a specific historical period KU6.2 - Recognise and describe change and continuity across periods of history KU6.3 -To give specific examples of how major events in British and World History have impacted aspects of British society today e.g. role of women and black people in Britain and around the world. KU6.4 -To understand how Empire has contributed to and been affected by historical events
Historical Enquiry	HE5.1-Appreciate how historical artefacts have helped us understand about British lives in the past. HE5.2-Form an interpretation of historical events or figures using sources. HE5.3-Take bias into account when researching an historical event or figure	HE6.1-Understand that some evidence from the past is propaganda, opinion or misinformation and that this effects interpretations of history. HE6.2-Give reasons why there may be different accounts of history. HE6.3-Compare different historical sources that discuss the same event and evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of each. HE6.4-Use a range of evidence from different sources to describe a key event from Britain's past. HE6.5-Research two versions of an event and see how they differ