

Nursery	Reception	Areas of Learning	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Understanding the World Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family history	Understanding the World Comment on images of familiar situations in the past Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past ELG Talk about the lives of	Chronological understanding	Sequence events in their life Sequence 3 or 4 artefacts from distinctly different periods of time Match objects to people of different ages	Sequence artefacts closer together in time, check with reference book Sequence photographs etc. from different periods of their life Describe memories of key events in lives	Place the time studied on a time line Use dates and terms related to the study unit and passing of time Sequence several events or artefacts	Place events from period studied on time line Use terms related to the period and begin to date events Understand more complex terms eg BC/AD	Know and sequence key events of time studied Use relevant terms and period labels Make comparisons between different times in the past	Place current study on time line in relation to other studies Use relevant dates and terms Sequence up to 10 events on a time line
	people around them and their roles in society Know some similarities and	Range and depth of historical knowledge	Recognise the difference between past and present in their own and others' lives	Recognise why people did things, why events happened and what happened as a result Identify differences	Find out about everyday lives of people in time studied Compare with our life today Identify reasons for and results	Use evidence to reconstruct life in time studied Identify key features and events of time studied	Study different aspects of different people; differences between men and women	Find out about beliefs, behaviour and characteristics of people, recognising that not everyone shares the same

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	ferences			between ways of	of people's		Examine	views and
	ween		Know and	life at different	actions	Look for links	causes and	feelings
thir	ngs in		recount	times		and effects	results of	
the	past		episodes		Understand why	in time	great events	Compare beliefs
and	l now,		from stories		people may have	studied	and the	and behaviour
dra	wing on		about the		wanted to do		impact on	with another
the	ir		past		something	Offer a	people	time studied
exp	periences					reasonable		
and	l what					explanation	Compare life	Write another
has	been					for some	in early and	explanation of a
rea	id in					events	late 'times'	past event in
clas	SS						studied	terms of cause and effect using
Unc	derstand the						Compare an	evidence to
pas.	t through						aspect of lie	support and
set.	tings,						with the	illustrate their
cha	racters and						same aspect	explanation
eve	ents						in another	
enc	ountered in						period	Know key dates,
boo	oks read in							characters and
clas	ss and							events of time
stor	rytelling							studied
		Interpretations	Use stories	Compare 2	Identify and give	Look at the	Compare	Link sources and
		of history	to encourage	versions of a past	reasons for	evidence	accounts of	work out how
			children to	event	different ways in	available	events from	conclusions were
			distinguish	Compare pictures	which the past is		different	arrived at
			between	or photographs of	represented	Begin to	sources; fact	
			fact and	people or events		evaluate the	or fiction	Consider ways
			fiction	in the past	Distinguish	usefulness of		of checking the
					between	different	Offer some	accuracy of
			Compare	Discuss reliability	different	sources	reasons for	interpretation
			adults	of photos/	sources and		different	fact or fiction
			talking about	accounts/stories	compare	Use text	versions of	and opinion
			the past -		different	books and	events	i l

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	how reliable		versions of the	historical		Be aware that
	are their		same story	knowledge		different
	memories?					evidence will
			Look at			lead to
			representations			different
			of the period;			conclusions
			museum,			
			cartoons etc			Confidently use
						the library and
						internet for
						research
Historical	Find answers	Use a source	Use a range of	Use evidence	Begin to	Recognise
enquiry	to simple	/observe or	sources to find	to build up a	identify	primary and
	questions	handle sources to	out about a	picture of a	primary and	secondary
	about the	answer questions	period	past event	secondary	sources
	past from	about the past on			sources	
	sources of	the basis of	Observe small	Choose		Use a range of
	information	simple	details	relevant	Use evidence	sources to find
	e.g.	observations.	artefacts,	material to	to build up a	out about an
	artefacts		pictures	present a	picture of a	aspect of time
				picture of	past event	past
			Select and	one aspect of		
			record	life in time	Select	Suggest
			information	past	relevant	omissions and
			relevant to the		sections of	the means of
			study	Ask a variety	information	finding out
				of questions		
			Begin to use the		Use the	Bring knowledge
			library and	Use the	library and	gathered from
			internet for	library and	internet for	several sources
			research	internet for	research	together in a
				research	with	fluent account
					increasing	
					confidence	

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	Organisation and	Communicate their knowledge through:	Recall, select and organise	Select and	
	communication	discussion/drawing pictures/drama/role play/making	historical information	organise	
		models/writing/using I		information to	
			Communicate their knowledge	produce	
			and understanding	structured	
				work, making	
				appropriate use	
				of dates and	
				terms	