



## History Progression Map

Each milestone is indicative of two years' learning opportunities  
Milestone 1 = Years 1 and 2, Milestone 2 = Year 3 and 4, Milestone 3 = Year 5 and 6

### Milestone 1

#### Investigate and interpret the past

This concept involves understanding that our understanding of the past comes from an interpretation of the available evidence.

- Observe or handle evidence to ask questions and find answers to questions about the past.
- Ask questions such as: What was it like for people? What happened? How long ago?
- Use artefacts, pictures, stories, online sources and databases to find out about the past.
- Identify some of the different ways the past has been represented.

#### Build an overview of world history

This concept involves an appreciation of the characteristic features of the past and an understanding that life is different for different sections

- Describe historical events.
- Describe significant people from the past.
- Recognise that there are reasons why people in the past acted as they did.

#### Understand chronology

This concept involves an understanding of how to chart the passing of time and how some aspects of history studied were happening at similar times in different

- Place events and artefacts in order on a time line.
- Label time lines with words or phrases such as: past, present, older and newer.
- Recount changes that have occurred in their own lives.
- Use dates where appropriate.

#### Communicate historically

This concept involves using historical vocabulary and techniques to convey information about the past.

- Use words and phrases such as: a long time ago, recently, when my parents/carers were children, years, decades and centuries to describe the passing of time.
- Show an understanding of the concept of nation and a nation's history.
- Show an understanding of concepts such as civilisation, monarchy, parliament, democracy, and war and peace.

### Milestone 2

- Use evidence to ask questions and find answers to questions about the past.
- Suggest suitable sources of evidence for historical enquiries.
- Use more than one source of evidence for historical enquiry in order to gain a more accurate understanding of history.
- Describe different accounts of a historical event, explaining some of the reasons why the accounts may differ.
- Suggest causes and consequences of some of the main events and changes in history.

- Describe changes that have happened in the locality of the school throughout history.
- Give a broad overview of life in Britain from ancient until medieval times.
- Compare some of the times studied with those of other areas of interest around the world.
- Describe the social, ethnic, cultural or religious diversity of past society.
- Describe the characteristic features of the past, including ideas, beliefs, attitudes and experiences of men, women and children.

- Place events, artefacts and historical figures on a time line using dates.
- Understand the concept of change over time, representing this, along with evidence, on a time line.
- Use dates and terms to describe events.

- Use appropriate historical vocabulary to communicate, including:
  - dates
  - time period
  - era
  - change
  - chronology.
- Use literacy, numeracy and computing skills to a good standard in order to communicate information about the past.

### Milestone 3

- Use sources of evidence to deduce information about the past.
- Select suitable sources of evidence, giving reasons for choices.
- Use sources of information to form testable hypotheses about the past.
- Seek out and analyse a wide range of evidence in order to justify claims about the past.
- Show an awareness of the concept of propaganda and how historians must understand the social context of evidence studied.
- Understand that no single source of evidence gives the full answer to questions about the past.
- Refine lines of enquiry as appropriate.

- Identify continuity and change in the history of the locality of the school.
- Compare some of the times studied with those of the other areas of interest around the world.
- Describe the social, ethnic, cultural or religious diversity of past society.
- Describe the characteristic features of the past, including ideas, beliefs, attitudes and experiences of men, women and children.

- Describe the main changes in a period of history (using terms such as: social, religious, political, technological and cultural).
- Identify periods of rapid change in history and contrast them with times of relatively little change.
- Understand the concepts of continuity and change over time, representing them, along with evidence, on a time line.
- Use dates and terms accurately in describing events.

- Use appropriate historical vocabulary to communicate, including:
  - dates
  - time period
  - era
  - chronology
  - continuity
  - change
  - century
  - decade
  - legacy.
- Use literacy, numeracy and computing skills to an exceptional standard in order to communicate information about the past.
- Use original ways to present information and ideas.