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	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Chronological Understanding	To show interest in things that go on in their lives and the lives of other people. Talk about things that have happened in their past and the past of their grandparents.	Sequence events in their life. Sequence 3 or 4 artefacts from distinctly different time periods Match objects to people of different ages.	Sequence artefacts closer together in time – check with reference books. Sequence photographs etc from different periods of their life. Describe memories of key	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	Place events from periods studied on a time line. Use terms related to the period and begin to date events. Understand more complex
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Range and depth of historical knowledge	Recognise the difference between past and present in their own and others' lives they know. Recount episodes from stories about the past.	Recognise the difference between past and present in their own and others' lives they know. Recount episodes from stories about the past.	Recognise why people did things, why events happened and what happened as a result. Identify differences between ways of life at different times.	Find out about everyday lives of people in the time period studied. Compare with our life today. Identify reasons for and results of people's actions. Understand why people may have wanted to do something.	Use evidence to reconstruct life in time studied Identify key features and events of time studied Look for links and effects in time studied Offer a reasonable explanation for some events
Interpretation of History		Use stories to encourage children to distinguish between fact and fiction. Compare adults talking about the past – how reliable are their memories?	Compare 2 versions of a past event. Compare pictures or photographs of people or events in the past. Discuss reliability of photos/accounts/stories	Identify and give reasons for different ways in which the past is represented Distinguish between different sources – compare different versions of the same story Look at representations of	Look at the evidence available Begin to evaluate the usefulness of different sources Use text books and historical knowledge

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				the period – museum, cartoons etc	
Historic enquir		Find answers to simple questions about the past from sources of information e.g. artefacts.	Use a source – observe or handle sources to answer questions about the past on the basis of simple observations.	Use a range of sources to find out about a period Observe small details – artefacts, pictures Select and record information relevant to the study Begin to use the library and internet for research	Use evidence to build up a picture of a past event Choose relevant material to present a picture of one aspect of life in time past Ask a variety of questions Use the library and internet for research
Organisa and communic	Communicate their knowledge through: Discussion Drawing pictures Drama/role play Making models Writing Using ICT			Recall, select and organise historical information Communicate their knowledge and understanding.	