St. Michael's Nursery and Infant School – Progression through History (Skills and Knowledge)

EYFS to the end of KS1

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	NC Key Stage Expectations	
Chronological understanding	As an historian: Am I beginning to make sense of my own life-story and family's history? (UTW-History) Can I understand and use vocabulary such as: yesterday, last week, at the weekend, this morning, last night?	As an historian: Can I talk about the lives of the people around me and my role in society? Can I talk about some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on my experiences and what has been read in class? Can I understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling? (UTW-History-ELG) Can I understand and use vocabulary such as: yesterday, last week, at the weekend, this morning, last night?	As an historian: Can I put up to three objects in chronological order (recent history) on a timeline? Can I label timelines with pictures, words or phrases? Can I tell others about changes that have happened in my own life since I was born? Can I talk about how things have changed since my parents or grandparents were children? Use dates to talk about people or events from the past? (when appropriate) Can I understand and use vocabulary such as: in order, a long time ago, recently, when my parents/carers, grandparents were children, in the times?	As an historian: Can I place events or artefacts in order on a timeline? Can I label timelines with pictures, words or phrases and give reasons for their order? Can I make connections between long- and short-term time scales? Use dates to talk about people or events from the past? (when appropriate) Can I connect my new learning of historical people or events to others that I have learnt about before? Can I understand and use vocabulary such as: in order, a long time ago, recently, when my parents/carers, grandparents were children, years, decades and centuries, in my lifetime, in my parents'/carers' lifetime, modern, old-fashioned, long term, short term, timeline, time scale, in the period, in times?	Develop an awareness of the past, using common words and phrases relating to the passing of time. Know where the people and events they are studying fit within a chronological framework. Identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods. Use a wide vocabulary of everyday historical	
Historical Enquiry	As an historian: Am I beginning to question why things happen? Am I beginning to understand why and how questions? (CAL) Can I understand and use vocabulary such as: how, why, because?	As an historian: Can I make comments about what I have learnt and ask questions to make sure I understand? (CAL – ELG) Can I understand and use vocabulary such as: how, why, because, find out, I wonder what/if/when/why?	As an historian: Can I show some understanding of how people find out about the past? Can I show some understanding of how evidence is collected and used to make historical facts? Can I ask questions such as: What was it like for people? What happened? How long ago? Can I answer questions by using different sources, such as an information book or pictures? Can I understand and use vocabulary such as: questions, find out, evidence, collect, history, information, research, sources, artefacts, objects, historians, investigate?	As an historian: Can I understand and talk about how people find out about the past? Can I show understanding of how evidence is collected and used to make historical facts? Can I ask questions such as: What was it like for people? What happened? How long ago? Can I answer questions by using a specific source, such as an information book? Can I research the life of someone who used to live in my area using the Internet and other sources to find out about them? Can I research the life of a famous Briton from the past using different resources to help me? Can I understand and use vocabulary such as: questions, wonder, find out, evidence, collect, points of view, opinion, historical, information, research, sources of information, resources, artefacts, objects, historians, investigate?	Ask and answer questions, choosing and using parts of stories and other sources to show that they know and understand key features of events. Understand some of the ways we find out about the past and identify different ways in which it is represented.	

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Knowledge

As an historian:
Am I beginning to
make sense of my own
life-story and family's
history?
Am I beginning to
show interest in
different occupations?
(UTW-History)

Can I understand and use vocabulary such as: I can see, I saw, same, different, change, why, because? As an historian:

Can I describe my immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories and non-fiction texts? (UTW-ELG)

Can I understand and use vocabulary such as: I can see, I saw, same, different, similar, change, what happened?, because, explain?

As an historian:

Can I answer questions using a range of artefacts/ photographs/pictures provided? Can I talk about the different ways that the past is represented?

Can I recount some interesting facts from an historical event?

Can I talk about some important people from the past?

Can I talk about how their actions changed the way we do things today? Can I recognise that there are reasons why

people in the past acted as they did? Can I tell you how I found out about people or events in the past?

Can I find out more about a famous person from the past and carry out some research on him or her?

Can I find out something about the past by talking to an older person?

Can I recognise that some forms of evidence are more reliable than others when finding out about the past?

Can I show an understanding of the word 'nation' and the concept of a nation's history? Can I show an understanding of concepts such as monarchy, parliament, war and peace when learning about historical events?

Can I understand and use vocabulary such as: find out, explain, facts, reasons, events, actions?

As an historian:

Can I describe historical events?

Can I describe significant people from the past and talk about what they did?

Can I explain the causes of an historical event and what the consequences were?

Can I explain what impact that significant events from the past have had on the way we live today?

Can I talk about similarities and differences between two different time periods?

Can I explain how local people or events in history have changed things nationally or internationally?

Can I explain why someone in the past acted in the way they did?

Can I choose and use parts of stories or other sources to show that I understand events or people from the past? Can I explain why Britain has a special history by naming some famous events and some famous people? Can I talk about what type of evidence is reliable when finding out about the past?

Can I talk about a 'nation', an aspect of its history and the impact it has had on the nation?

Can I show an understanding of concepts such as civilisation, monarchy, parliament, democracy, war and peace when talking about historical people and events? Can I create my own accounts of historical people or events?

Can I understand and use vocabulary such as: find out, explain, reasons, events, causes, consequences, impact, affected, actions, time periods?

Understanding the next steps for progression as children move into KS2

	Year 3	Year 4	NC Key Stage Expectations	
Historical Enquiry Chronological understanding	As an historian: Can I use a timeline within a specific time have happened? Can I begin to recognise and quantify the different groups that invaded Britain? Can I place events, artefacts and historic Can I understand the concept of chang evidence, on a time line? Can I understand and use appropriate his including: dates, BC, AD, time period, er decade?	Pupils should: Continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British, local and world history, establishing clear narratives within and across the periods they study. Note connections, contrasts and trends over time and develop the appropriate use of historical terms. Regularly address and sometimes devise historically valid questions about change, cause, similarity and difference, and significance. Construct informed responses that		
	As an historian: Can I use evidence to ask questions and Can I suggest suitable sources of evidence and use more than one source of evidence accurate understanding of history? Can I recognise the part that archaeolog more about what happened in the past: Can I use my research skills in finding out Through my research, can I compare an Can I research what it was like for men, whe past and use different forms to prese Can I understand and use vocabulary sucollect, history, information, research, so investigate, suggestions, archaeologist?	involve thoughtful selection and organisation of relevant historical information. • Understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.		

Knowledge and Interpretation

As an historian

Can I suggest why certain events happened as they did in history?

Can I suggest why certain people acted as they did in history?

Can I explain how events from the past have helped shape our lives today?

Can I begin to appreciate why Britain would have been an important country to have invaded and conquered?

Can I give a broad overview of life in Britain during the time period studied?

Can I compare some of the times studied with those of other areas of interest around the world?

Can I describe the social, ethnic, cultural or religious diversity of past societies? Can I describe the characteristic features of the past, including ideas, beliefs,

attitudes and experiences of men, women and children?

Can I describe different accounts of an historical event, explaining some of the reasons why the accounts may differ?

Can I suggest causes and consequences of some of the main events and changes in history?

Can I use literacy, numeracy and computing skills to a good standard to communicate information about the past?

Can I understand and use vocabulary such as: compare, contrast, reasons, events, cause, effect, consequences, impact, overview, characteristic features, civilisations, culture, diversity, aspects, beliefs, attitudes, historical accounts, explain?