

Skills Progression

	2 year olds	3/4 year olds	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Chronology	Celebrate birthdays	Understand yesterday, today and	Understand 'the future' as something that will happen	Recognise the distinction between past and present.	Order and sequence events and objects.
	Talk about family events	tomorrow	Understand the past as already happened Talk about past and present events in	Order and sequence some familiar events and objects. Identify some similarities and differences between ways of life at different times.	Recognise that their own lives are similar and / or different from the lives of people in the past. Use common words and
			own lives and in the lives of family members.	Use some terms about the passing of time correctly.	phrases concerned with the passing of time correctly.
Understanding past events	Sharing stories Talk about family events	Sharing stories set in the past	Sharing stories set in the past Tell a story of what they did over half term Children talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members.	Recognise the difference between the past and present in their own and others' lives. To know and recount episodes from stories about the past.	Recognise why people did things, why events happened and what happened as a result. Identify similarities and differences between ways of life at different times.
Historical Interpretation	Describe what they can see in story books.	Describe what they can see in pictures	Children know about similarities and differences between themselves and others.	Make simple observations about different people, events, beliefs 'and communities.	Compare two versions of a past event.



	Answer what questions Answer who questions	Describe events in family life Understand why questions		Uses stories to encourage children to distinguish between fact and fiction. Compare adults talking about the past – how reliable are their memories?	Compare pictures or photographs of people or events in the past. Discuss reliability of photographs / accounts / stories
					Recognise some basic reasons why people in the past acted as they did.
Historical Enquiry	Answer simple questions about family life Begin to ask questions	Answer simple questions about stories Ask simple questions	Use images to talk about changes from the past. Children talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members	Find answers to simple questions about the past from sources of information e.g. artefacts Use sources to answer simple questions about the past. Choose parts of stories and other sources to show what they know about the past. Identify some of the basic ways in which the past can be represented.	Use a source – observe or handle sources to answer questions about the past based on simple observations. Ask and answer simple questions about the past through observing and handling a range of sources. Consider why things may change over time. Choose parts of stories and other sources to show what they know about significant people and events.



Organisation	Talk about	Use yesterday,	Children talk about	Describe special or significant	Talk about what / who was
and	family life	today and	past and present	events.	significant in simple historical
communication	January Lije	tomorrow to	events in their own	events.	
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	Role play	organise	lives and in the lives	Retell simple stories or events	
		thoughts	of family members	from the past.	Demonstrate simple historical
					concepts and events through
		Role play	Role play events	Use simple historical terms.	roleplay, drawing and
			from family life		writing.
				Communicate knowledge	
				through:	Use a variety of historical
				Discussion,	terms and concepts.
				Drawing pictures,	·
				Drama / roleplay	Communicate knowledge
				Making models	through:
				Writing	Discussion,
				Using computing	Drawing pictures,
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					Making models
					Writing
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					Using computing