Buc	kstones Primary Scho	ol	Progression of	History Skills			
Area of Study	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Knowledge	Recognise past,	Recall some facts	Use information to	To know about	Use evidence to	Choose	Choose reliable
and	present and future.	about people/ events	describe the past.	the lives of	reconstruct life in	reliable	sources of
Understanding		before living memory.		people in a time	time studied.	sources of	information to
	Know that we grow		Describe the	studied (Stone /		information to	find out about
	and change from	Say why people may	differences between	Bronze/ Iron	To give reasons why	find out about	the past.
	baby, toddler, child,	have acted the way	then and now.	Age).	people in the past	the past.	
	adult and elderly.	they did.			acted as they did.		Compare and
			Look at evidence to	Understand the	(Why the Romans	Give own	contrast ancient
	Describe simple	Compare similarities	give and explain	process of	left Britain, Anglo	reasons why	civilisations and
	differences	and differences about	reasons why	change from the	Saxons).	changes may	their influence
	between then and	individuals or items	people in the past	Stone Age to the		have occurred,	on the western
	now.	(toys) from the past.	may have acted in	Iron Age - changes in	Describe	backed up by	world.
			the way they did.	homes and	similarities and	evidence.	
	Describe simple	Compare the lives of		settlements/	differences		Describe
	differences	different people	Recount the main	changes from Hunter	between people,	Describe	similarities and
	between	within one place or	events from a	Gatherers to Farmers.	events and	similarities	differences
	themselves and	era (equality –	significant event in		artefacts studied.	and	between some
	others.	Suffragettes, Civil	history e.g.	Begin to explain		differences	people, events
		Rights in USA).	Remembrance Day.	why people in the	Describe how some	between some	and artefacts
	Know why we			past acted as they did	of the things I have	people, events	studied.
	celebrate bonfire	Understand why an	Describe what has	(e.g. move towards	studied from the	and artefacts	
	night and know	event or individual	changed as the result	living in villages	past affect/influence	studied.	Describe how
	who Guy Fawkes is.	from the past is	of an event or	in Stone Age, in	life today.		some of the
	Recognise a poppy	important for us to	an individual.	the Iron Age, people		Describe how	things studied
	and know these are	learn about.		used iron tools) and	Identify key	historical	from the past
	worn to remember		Describe why an	why some events	features and	events studied	affect/influence
	soldiers	Know and recount	event or individual	happened.	events.	affect/influence life	life today.
	in the war.	episodes from stories	from the past is			today.	
		about the past,	important for us to	Note connections,	Look for links and		Consider how
	Describe an event	saying why it	learn about e.g.	contrasts and	effects in the time	Make links	democracy
	or family member	happened.	Remembrance Day,	trends over time	studied, offering a	between some	developed in
	from their past that		Queen Victoria.	(e.g. Stone /		of the features of past	

is important to	Consider the links	Bronze / Iron	reasonable	societies. (e.g.	Ancient Greece and
remember.	between the	Age connections:	explanation for	religion,	make
	Geography of an area	need for food,	some events.	houses,	comparisons
Understand why	and its History e.g.	shelter, warmth).	(invasion and	society,	with other and
we celebrate	London (links to Great	,	settlement in	technology.)	modern systems
significant events.	Fire of London)	Begin to develop a	Britain).		(democracy in
	, i	broad	,	Compare and	Britain).
		understanding of	Continue to	describe the	
		ancient civilisations.	describe links	differences	Make links
			between the	between the	between some
		Begin to understand	Geography of an	lives of people	of the features
		the hierarchy of	area and its History.	from the past	of past societies.
		Ancient civilisations	(Hadrian's Wall/	to our own	(e.g. religion,
		(jobs and	Industrial	today.	houses, society,
		Responsibilities in	Revolution in		technology.)
		Ancient Egypt).	Manchester/ place	Continue to	
			names following	describe links	Give reasons
		Compare lives of	the Anglo Saxon	between the	why changes
		people from the	invasion).	Geography of	may have
		past to our own		an area and its	occurred, backed
		and identify	Explain how	History and	up by evidence.
		differences	individuals or	use this to	
		(Daily life as a	events contributed	explain how	Describe links
		hunter-gatherer).	to national change	individual sites	between the
			and identity	can inform our wider	Geography of an
		Understand how	(Romans/ Industrial	understanding	area and its
		the earliest	Revolution).	of a civilisation	History.
		events in history		(Viking invasion -	
		contributed to the		Lindisfarne).	Explain how
		formation of			movement
		civilization.			informs our wider
		(Ancient Egypt).			understanding of
					a civilisation/
		Describe links			empire (Greeks -
		between the			growth of an
		Geography of an			empire, extent
		area and its History.			of conquests, city-

				How individual sites can inform our wider understanding of a civilisation (Stonehenge, Skara Brae, River Nile, Pyramids).			states and rivalries).
Chronology	Order a simple set of events in chronological order. Begin to use the correct words such as yesterday, past etc.	Understand the difference between things that happened in the past and the present (links to topics) Use words and phrases such as: *now / today * yesterday, last week, when I was younger, * a long time ago, a very long time ago, before I was born, when my [grown ups] were young. Describe things that happened to themselves and other people in the past.	Use vocabulary from the knowledge mat to describe events. Understand and use the words past and present when telling others about an event. Understand how to put people, events and objects in order of when they happened, using a scale the teacher has given me. Use a timeline to place important people and events (building from Year 1).	Use vocabulary from the knowledge mat to describe events. Understand that a timeline can be divided into BC (Before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini). Use a timeline to place historical events in chronological order (Stone Age to Iron Age) including BC and AD. Describe dates of and order	Use vocabulary from the knowledge mat to describe events. Place events from period studied on a timeline use terms related to the period and begin to date events understand more complex terms e.g. BCE/AD	Use vocabulary from the knowledge mat to describe events. Consolidate Understanding of BC (Before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini). Place their area of study onto a timeline and correctly place it in comparison to previous areas studied. Order significant events, movements and dates on a timeline. Describe the	Use vocabulary from the knowledge mat to describe events. Order significant events, movements and dates on a timeline on all areas of history studied. Note connections and contrasts over time. Make comparisons between different times in history.

		Recall historical events such as The Great Fire of London, Rosa Parks protest. Begin to order a set of events or objects in chronological order e.g. sequence artefacts (such as toys from different points in history), as well as events (such as Rosa Parks timeline or events of the Great Fire of London) Use a timeline to place important events studied.		significant events from the period studied. Sequence artefacts from different points in history (Periods of the Stone Age).		main changes in a period in history. Noting connections and contrasts over time (Anglo Saxons and Vikings, Ancient Egyptians, Stone Age — Iron Age).	
Interpretations of History	Show awareness of and interest in the past.	Begin to understand that past is represented in different ways (e.g. photos, paintings, stories, books videos, artefacts, adults talking about the past)	Look at and use books and pictures, stories, eye witness accounts, pictures, photographs, artefacts, historic buildings, historical sites and the internet to find out about the past. Start to use stories or accounts to	Explore the idea that there are different accounts of history. Know that people in the past represent events or ideas in a way that persuades others. Discuss reliability of photos/	Identify some of the different ways in which the past is represented of periods studied. To use sources of information that go beyond simple observations to answer questions about the past. Begin to evaluate the usefulness of different sources.	Show some understanding that aspects of the past have been represented and interpreted in different ways of previous periods studied and current. Begin to select and combine	Know that some events, people and changes have been interpreted in different ways and suggest possible reasons for this. Use their knowledge and understanding, pupils are beginning to evaluate sources

			distinguish between fact and fiction.	accounts/stories	Investigate different accounts of historical events.	information from different sources.	of information and identify those that are useful for particular tasks. Begin to consider ways of checking the accuracy of interpretations – fact or fiction and opinion.
Historical Enquiry	Explore and ask questions.	Identify different ways in which the past is represented. Explore events, look at pictures and ask questions e.g. "Which things are old and which are new?" or "What were people doing / wearing?" Look at objects from the past and ask questions i.e, "What were they (e.g. old toys) used for?" and try to answer.	Identify different ways in which the past is represented (sources) and understand that these are used to find out about the past. Ask and answer questions about the past to show their understanding of periods/people studies using a wide range of information. Begin to make inferences about the lives of people from the past based	To understand how our knowledge of the past (Stone Age to Iron Age) is constructed from a range of sources. E.g. Use documents, printed sources (e.g. archive materials) the Internet, databases, pictures, photographs, music, artefacts, historic buildings, visits to museums and	Identify some of the different ways in which the past is represented of periods studied. Use a range of sources of information that go beyond simple observations to answer questions about the past. Begin to evaluate the usefulness of different sources.	Begin to identify primary and secondary sources use evidence to build up a picture of life in time studied. Choose reliable sources of evidence to answer questions, realising that there is often not a single answer to historical	Know that some events, people and changes have been interpreted in different ways and suggest possible reasons for this. Use their knowledge and understanding, pupils are beginning to evaluate sources of information and identify those that are useful for

	on physical evider	_	q	juestions.	particular tasks.
to ask t questio	ver and begin heir own ons to show nderstanding opics	visits to sites as evidence about the past. They observe and handle sources of information to answer questions about the past making simple observations.	Ir o e p q	nvestigate own lines of enquiry by posing questions to enswer.	Begin to identify primary and secondary sources consider ways of checking the accuracy of interpretations – fact or fiction and opinion. Begin to show an awareness of bias and how this impacts our understanding of
					the past.

Historical concepts	Knowledge and Understanding						
and	compare	compare	significant	compare	change	compare	compare
skills	similar	different (difference)	compare	contrast	similarity	similarity	contrast
Vocabulary	difference	same / similar	similarity	similarity	difference	difference	similarity
Vocabulary	different	achievements	difference	difference	compare	consequence	difference
	change	Chronology	achievements	change	contrast	significance	cause
	Chronology	past	Chronology	significance	cause	change	consequence
	change	present day / now	past	achievements	consequence	Chronology	achievements
	grown	(today)	present	Chronology	significance	place	significance
	timeline	sort / order	timeline	order	Chronology	order	Chronology
	place	place	sequence	events	place	timeline	Place

order	events	events	timeline	plot	BCE	order
Interpretations of	timeline	Interpretations of	B.C.	date	A.D	timeline
History	then	History	A.D	events	present day	BCE
know	yesterday	source	chronology	timeline	Interpretations	A.D
Historical Enquiry	a long time ago	Historical Enquiry	Interpretations	BCE	of History	Interpretations
ask	when my [grown	research	of History	A.D	source	of History
	ups] were young	deduce	source	source	primary	Primary
	before I was born	identify	Historical	evaluate	secondary	Secondary
	when I was younger		Enquiry	describe	evaluate	source
	younger		question	Interpretations of	Historical	Historical
	older			History	Enquiry	Enquiry
				source	identify	Identify
	Interpretations of			evaluate		
	History			Historical Enquiry		
	sources			identify		
	Historical Enquiry					
	find out about					
	ask / answer /					
	explain					