

History Substantive Concepts Progression Overview

Year Group	Monarchy 	Conflict 	Civilisation 	Innovation 	Inequality 	Religion 	Slavery 	Migration & Movement 
EYFS	Recognise kings and queens from stories and the past.	Understand that significant events happened before they were born.	Understand that life was different in the past.	Notice how things change over time.	Begin to recognise fairness and unfairness.	Recognise that people have beliefs and traditions.	Develop understanding of fairness through stories.	Understand that people move between places and countries.
Year 1	Explore significant monarchs and people from the past.	Learn about significant events beyond living memory.	Compare life today with life in the past.	Explore changes in toys, homes and everyday life.	Compare experiences of different historical figures.	Understand beliefs and traditions from the past.	Begin to recognise that people were treated differently in the past.	Explore family history and how families change over time.
Year 2	Understand the role of monarchs in events such as the Gunpowder Plot.	Investigate causes and consequences of significant events.	Study how societies functioned in the past.	Explore how inventions and developments changed lives.	Compare rich and poor experiences in historical periods.	Understand how religion influenced people's actions.	Recognise examples of unfair treatment in history.	Understand movement of people and explorers.
Year 3	Explore rulers and leadership	Examine why conflicts	Understand how early	Study technological	Compare lives of different	Explore beliefs in	Understand slavery within	Investigate exploration

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	in Stone Age to Iron Age societies and Tudor England.	occurred and their impact.	civilisations developed.	advances from Stone Age to Iron Age.	groups within societies.	ancient societies.	historical societies.	and movement of people.
Year 4	Examine leadership in Ancient Greece and Rome.	Understand invasion, conquest and resistance.	Compare Ancient Greek and Roman civilisation.	Study how ideas and technologies spread.	Investigate social hierarchy and status.	Explore ancient belief systems and their influence.	Examine slavery in Ancient Rome.	Understand migration through empire building and settlement.
Year 5	Investigate Anglo-Saxon and Viking kingship.	Analyse conflict between Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.	Explore how kingdoms developed and changed.	Understand innovation through trade and settlement.	Investigate status and power in medieval societies.	Examine conversion to Christianity and changing beliefs.	Explore slavery in Anglo-Saxon and Viking societies.	Understand why people migrated to Britain.
Year 6	Evaluate the changing power and influence of monarchy.	Analyse causes, consequences and significance of major conflicts.	Compare civilisations across time and place.	Evaluate how innovation drives historical change.	Examine inequality through empire, war and social reform.	Analyse the influence of religion on society and power.	Evaluate the causes, impact and legacy of slavery.	Analyse migration as a driver of social and cultural change.

End of Key Stage 2 Historical Understanding

By the end of Year 6, pupils will:

- Understand how monarchy, conflict, civilisation, innovation, inequality, religion, slavery, and migration have shaped Britain and the wider world.
- Make connections between different periods studied.
- Explain patterns of continuity and change across time.
- Use evidence to support historical arguments.
- Recognise that historical interpretations can differ.
- Develop a coherent chronological understanding of British and world history.
- Understand how the past continues to influence modern society.