



History

Threshold Concept	Milestone One	Milestone Two	Milestone Three
	By the end of Year Two, the	By the end of Year Four, the children	By the end of Year Six, the children
	children should be able to:	should be able to:	should be able to:
Investigate and interpret	 Observe or handle evidence to 	 Use evidence to ask questions and find 	 Use sources of evidence to deduce
the past	ask questions and find answers to	answers to questions about the past.	information about the past.
This concept involves	questions about the past.		
understanding that our		 Suggest suitable sources of evidence for 	 Select suitable sources of evidence,
understanding of the past	Ask questions such as: What was	historical enquiries.	giving reasons for choices.
comes from an	it like for people? What		
interpretation of the	happened? How long ago?	Use more than one source of evidence for	 Use sources of information to form
available evidence.		historical enquiry in order to gain a more	testable hypotheses about the past.
	 Use artefacts, pictures, stories, 	accurate understanding of history.	
	online sources and databases to		 Seek out and analyse a wide range of
	find out about the past.	Describe different accounts of a historical	evidence in order to justify claims about
	•	event, explaining some of the reasons why	the past.
	Identify some of the different	the accounts may differ.	•
	ways the past has been	·	 Show an awareness of the concept of
	represented.	 Suggest causes and consequences of 	propaganda and how historians must
	•	some of the main events and changes in	understand the social context of
		history.	evidence studied.
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			 Understand that no single source of
			evidence gives the full answer to
			questions about the past.
			 Refine lines of enquiry as appropriate.
Build an overview of world	Describe historical events.	Describe changes that have happened in	 Identify continuity and change in the

history		the locality of the school throughout	history of the locality of the school.
This concept involves an	Describe significant people from	history.	motor y or the recurry or the series.
appreciation of the	the past.		Give a broad overview of life in Britain
characteristic features of		Give a broad overview of life in Britain	from medieval until the Tudor and
the past and an	Recognise that there are	from ancient until medieval times.	Stuarts times.
understanding that life is	reasons why people in the past		
different for different	acted as they did.	Compare some of the times studied with	 Compare some of the times studied
sections of society.	,	those of other areas of interest around the	with those of the other areas of interest
•		world.	around the world.
		Describe the social, ethnic, cultural or	Describe the social, ethnic, cultural or
		religious diversity of past society.	religious diversity of past society.
		Describe the characteristic features of the	Describe the characteristic features of
		past, including ideas, beliefs, attitudes and	the past, including ideas, beliefs,
		experiences of men, women and children.	attitudes and experiences of men,
			women and children.
Understand chronology	 Place events and artefacts in 	 Place events, artefacts and historical 	 Describe the main changes in a period
This concept involves an	order on a time line.	figures on a time line using dates.	of history (using terms such as: social,
understanding of how to			religious, political, technological and
chart the passing of time	Label time lines with words or	Understand the concept of change over	cultural).
and how some aspects of	phrases such as: past, present,	time, representing this, along with	
history studied were	older and newer.	evidence, on a time line.	Identify periods of rapid change in
happening at similar times			history and contrast them with times of
in different place and geographical areas.	 Recount changes that have occurred in their own lives. 	Use dates and terms to describe events.	relatively little change.
			 Understand the concepts of continuity
	 Use dates where appropriate. 		and change over time, representing
			them, along with evidence, on a time
			line.
			 Use dates and terms accurately in
			describing events.

Communicate historically	• Use words and phrases such as:	Use appropriate historical vocabulary to	Use appropriate historical vocabulary
This concept involves using	a long time ago, recently, when	communicate, including:	to communicate, including:
historical vocabulary and	my parents/carers were children,	· · · · ·	
techniques to convey	years, decades and centuries to	• dates	• dates
information about the	describe the passing of time.		
past.		time period	• time period
	 Show an understanding of the 		
	concept of nation and a nation's history.	• era	• era
		change	chronology
	Show an understanding of		
	concepts such as civilisation, monarchy, parliament,	• chronology.	• continuity
	democracy, and war and peace.	 Use literacy, numeracy and computing skills to a good standard in order to 	• change
		communicate information about the past.	• century
		communicate information about the past.	Century
			• decade
			• legacy.
			 Use literacy, numeracy and computing skills to a exceptional standard in order to communicate information about the past.
			 Use original ways to present information and ideas.