EYFS- Introduce key vocabulary e.g. old and new, look at photographs and artefacts from the past

Year 1

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| Chronological Understanding  Can they put up to three objects in chronological order (recent history)?  Can they use words and phrases like: old, new and a long time ago?  Can they tell me about things that happened when they were little?  Can they recognise that a story that is read to them may have happened a long time ago?  Do they know that some objects belonged to the past?  Can they retell a familiar story set in the past?  Can they explain how they have changed since they were born?  Exceeding  Can they put up to five objects/events in chronological order (recent history)?  Can they use words and phrases like: very old, when mummy and daddy were little?  Can they use the words before and after correctly?  Can they say why they think a story was set in the past? | Knowledge and interpretation  Do they appreciate that some famous people have helped our lives be better today?  Do they recognise that we celebrate certain events, such as bonfire night, because of what happened many years ago?  Do they understand that we have a queen who rules us and that Britain has had a king or queen for many years?  Can they begin to identify the main differences between old and new objects?  Can they identify objects from the past, ~~such as vinyl records~~?  Exceeding  Can they explain why certain objects were different in the past, e.g. iron, music systems, televisions?  Can they tell us about an important historical event that happened in the past?  Can they explain differences between past and present in their life and that of other children from a different time in history?  ~~Do they know who will succeed the queen and how the succession works?~~ | Historical enquiry  Can they ask and answer questions about old and new objects?  Can they spot old and new things in a picture?  Can they answer/ask questions using an artefact/ photograph provided?  Can they give a plausible explanation about what an object was used for in the past?  Exceeding  Can they answer questions using a range of artefacts/ photographs provided?  ~~Can they find out more about a famous person from the past and carry out some research on him or her?~~ |
| Changes within living memory; events beyond living memory; lives of significant individuals; significant historical events.  Kings and Queens - Elizabeth 1st/ Queen Victoria.  Inventors - William Caxton/ First aeroplane flight.  Mary Seacole/ Edith Cavell/ Florence Nightingale.  [Guy Fawkes]  Link to focus artist and composer. | | |

Year 2

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| Chronological Understanding  Can they use words and phrases like: before I was born, when I was younger?  Can they use phrases and words like: ‘before’, ‘after’, ‘past’, ‘present’, ‘then’ and ‘now’; in their historical learning?  Can they use the words ‘past’ and ‘present’ accurately?  Can they use a range of appropriate words and phrases to describe the past?  Can they sequence a set of events in chronological order and give reasons for their order?  Exceeding  Can they sequence a set of objects in chronological order and give reasons for their order?  Can they sequence events about their own life?  Can they sequence events about the life of a famous person?  ~~Can they try to work out how long ago an event happened?~~ | Knowledge and interpretation  Can they recount the life of someone famous ~~from Britain~~ who lived in the past giving attention to what they did earlier and what they did later?  Can they explain how their local area was different in the past?  Can they recount some interesting facts from an historical event, such as where the ‘Fire of London’ started?  Can they give examples of things that are different in their life from that of their grandparents when they were young?  Can they explain why Britain has a special history by naming some famous events and some famous people?  ~~Can they explain what is meant by a parliament?~~  Exceeding  Can they give examples of things that are different in their life from that of a long time ago in a specific period of history such as the Victorian times?  Can they explain why someone in the past acted in the way they did?  Can they explain why their locality (as wide as it needs to be) is associated with a special historical event?  ~~Can they explain what is meant by a democracy and why it is a good thing?~~ | Historical enquiry  Can they find out something about the past by talking to an older person?  Can they answer questions by using a specific source, such as an information book?  Can they research the life of a famous Briton from the past using different resources to help them?  Can they research about a famous event that happens in Britain and why it has been happening for some time?  Can they research the life of someone who used to live in their area using the Internet and other sources to find out about them?  Exceeding  Can they say at least two ways they can find out about the past, for example using books and the internet?  ~~Can they explain why eye-witness accounts may vary?~~  Can they research about a famous event that happens somewhere else in the world and why it has been happening for some time? |
| Changes within living memory; events beyond living memory; lives of significant individuals; significant historical events.  Great Fire of London.  Explorers – Christopher Columbus/ Neil Armstrong [Moon landing].  Human Rights - Rosa Parks/ Emily Davison.  Link to focus artist and composer. | | |

Year 3

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| Chronological Understanding  Can they describe events and periods using the words: BC, AD and decade?  Can they describe events from the past using dates when things happened?  Can they describe events and periods using the words: ancient and century?  Can they use a timeline within a specific time in history to set out the order things may have happened?  ~~Can they use their mathematical knowledge to work out how long ago events would have happened?~~  Exceeding  Can they set out on a timeline, within a given period, what special events took place?  Can they begin to recognise and quantify the different time periods that exists between different groups that invaded Britain? | Knowledge and interpretation  Do they appreciate that the early Brits would not have communicated as we do or have eaten as we do?  Can they begin to picture what life would have been like for the early settlers?  Can they recognise that Britain has been invaded by several different groups over time?  Do they realise that invaders in the past would have fought fiercely, using hand to hand combat?  Can they suggest why certain events happened as they did in history?  Can they suggest why certain people acted as they did in history?  Exceeding  Can they begin to appreciate why Britain would have been an important country to have invaded and conquered?  Can they appreciate that war/s would inevitably have brought much distress and bloodshed?  Do they have an appreciation that wars start for specific reasons and can last for a very long time?  Do they appreciate that invaders were often away from their homes for very long periods and would have been ‘homesick’? | Historical enquiry  Do they recognise the part that archaeologists have had in helping us understand more about what happened in the past?  Can they use various sources of evidence to answer questions?  Can they use various sources to piece together information about a period in history?  Can they research a specific event from the past?  Can they use their ‘information finding’ skills in writing to help them write about historical information?  Can they, through research, identify similarities and differences between given periods in history?  Exceeding  Can they begin to use more than one source of information to bring together a conclusion about an historical event?  Can they use specific search engines on the Internet to help them find information more rapidly? |
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| Stone Age/ Bronze Age/ Iron Age – changes in Britain.  Achievements of Early Civilisations– Egypt.  Roman Empire.  Link to focus artist and composer. | | |

Year 4

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| Chronological Understanding  Can they plot recent history on a timeline using centuries?  Can they place periods of history on a timeline showing periods of time?  Can they use their mathematical skills to round up time differences into centuries and decades?  Exceeding  Can they use their mathematical skills to help them work out the time differences between certain major events in history?  Can they begin to build up a picture of what main events happened in Britain/the world during different centuries? | Knowledge and interpretation  Can they explain how events from the past have helped shape our lives?  Do they appreciate that wars have happened from a very long time ago and are often associated with invasion, conquering or religious differences?  Do they know that people who lived in the past cooked and travelled differently and used different weapons from ours?  Do they recognise that the lives of wealthy people were very different from those of poor people?  Do they appreciate how items found belonging to the past are helping us to build up an accurate picture of how people lived in the past?  Do they understand that we know about history by studying what has been left behind?  Documents/artefacts/pictures/ruins etc  Exceeding  Can they recognise that people’s way of life in the past was dictated by the work they did?  Do they appreciate that the food people ate was different because of the availability of different sources of food?  Do they appreciate that weapons will have changed by the developments and inventions that would have occurred within a given time period?  Do they appreciate that wealthy people would have had a very different way of living which would have impacted upon their health and education? | Historical enquiry  Can they research two versions of an event and say how they differ?  Can they research what it was like for a child in a given period from the past and use photographs and illustrations to present their findings?  Can they give more than one reason to support an historical argument?  Can they communicate knowledge and understanding orally and in writing and offer points of view based upon what they have found out?  Exceeding  Can they independently, or as part of a group, present an aspect they have researched about a given period of history using multi-media skills when doing so? |
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