



History Overview Vocabulary Progression

Preschool 1 (beginning to experience and be exposed to vocabulary) Preschool 2 (embedding using and applying vocabulary)	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Lower key stage 2		Upper key stage 2	
				Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Chronological awareness							
now then before after old/new past ago a long time ago	today yesterday tomorrow the present the past the future day last week at the weekend long ago old/new recent this morning last night	future memory past present Timeline event	(beyond) living memory history lifetime period	AD age BC chronological date prehistory sequence ancient era modern		century decade	
Disciplinary concepts							
	different similar clues	artefact change clues different similar		archaeology claim conclusion evidence historian impact primary source reconstruction secondary source source cause compare consequence continuity		bias effect perspective propaganda historical enquiry legacy reliable	



			deduction historically significant interpret point of view	
Substantive (abstract) concepts				
Power (monarchy, government and Empire)				
n/a	n/a	n/a	king monarchy power queen ruler	emperor empire government law kingdom sovereign heir democracy parliament state tyrant legislation politics suffrage
Achievements and follies of mankind				
		explorer	discovery inventor	legacy achievement technology advancement
Invasion, settlement and migration				
		war		border conquer expand invasion settlement decline occupation/occupy territory raid alliance conflict emigration evacuation immigration migration refugee
Civilisation (social and cultural)				
				civilisation hygiene leisure apprentice childhood class master poorer poverty servant wealthier working conditions citizen enslaved enslaver ethics cultural exchange culture hierarchy noble occupation peasant society



Trade					
				goods trade export import barter	currency exchange merchant trade route tax
Beliefs					
				beliefs ceremony myth religion	afterlife convert creation gods/goddesses missionary monastery pope ritual sacred

Note: The overview does not include all vocabulary that pupils encounter in their History lessons but instead focuses on the essential words and terms crucial for understanding the subject. These words are carefully selected to help pupils grasp important concepts and ideas.