History: Progression in Skills (Year 1-6)

National Curriculum Aims	R/Year 1 History Driver: History Driver: Cycle A (2022-2023) Cycle C (2024-2025)	Year 2 History Driver: Wistory Driver: History Magnificent Mona. Cycle A (2022-2023) Cycle C (2024-2025)	Year 3 History Driver: Through the Ages Cycle B (2023-2024)	Year 4/5 History Driver: History Ancient Civilisations Cycle A (2022-2023)	Year 4/5 History Driver: Y5 History Dynamic Dynasties Cycle B (2023-2024)	Year 6 History Driver: Y6 History Britain at War Maafa
Everyday Life Learn about changes within living memory. Where appropriate, these should be used to reveal aspects of change in national life. Understand historical concepts such as continuity and change, cause and consequence, similarity, difference and significance, and use them to make connections, draw contrasts, analyse trends, frame historically valid questions and create their own structured accounts, including written narratives and analyses	Describe an aspect of everyday life within or beyond living memory. Childhood School days	Describe the everyday lives of people in a period within or beyond living memory. Magnificent Monarchs Movers and Shakers Coastline (Geo)	Describe the everyday lives of people from past historical periods. Describe everyday life in ancient Rome, including aspects, such as jobs, houses, buildings, food and schooling. Describe the 'Romanisation' of Britain, including the impact of technology, culture and beliefs. Through the Ages Emperors and Empires	Describe the 'Romanisation' of Britain, including the impact of technology, culture and beliefs. Create an in-depth study of an aspect of British history beyond 1066. Explain how artefacts provide evidence of everyday life in the past. Ancient Civilizations Invasion	Explain how everyday life changed for people after invasion. Groundbreaking Greeks	Evaluate the human impact of war, oppression, conflict and rebellion on the everyday life of a past or ancient society. Maafa Britain at War
Learn about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. Some should be used to compare aspects of life in different periods. Gain and deploy a historically grounded understanding of abstract terms such as 'empire', 'civilisation', 'parliament' and 'peasantry'.	Describe the role of a monarch. Bright lights/Big City (Geo)	Describe the hierarchy of a past society. Magnificent Monarchs	Describe the roles of tribal communities and explain how this influenced everyday life. Describe the hierarchy and different roles in past civilisations. Describe the significance and impact of power struggles on Britain. Through the Ages Emperors and Empires	Describe the hierarchy and different roles in ancient civilisations Ancient Civilizations	Describe the significance, impact and legacy of power in ancient civilisations. Dynamic Dynasties	Describe and explain the significance of a leader or monarch. Describe how the resistance, refusal or rebellion of individuals, groups and civilisations can affect a society or practice. Britain at War Maafa

Civilisation			Describe how past civilisations or lives of people in Britain	Explain the cause and consequence of invasion and	Describe the achievements and influence of the ancient Greeks	Describe and explain the common traits and motives
Know and understand the history of these islands as a coherent, chronological narrative,			developed during the Stone	migration by the Romans	on the wider world.	of leaders and monarchs
from the earliest times to the present day: how people's lives have shaped this nation and			Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.	into Britain.		from different historical
how Britain has influenced and been influenced by the wider world.					Explain the cause,	periods.
Learn about Britain's settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots.			Describe ways in which	Construct a narrative,	consequences and impact	
Learn about Britain's Settlement by Angio-Saxons and Scots.			human invention and	chronological or non-	of invasion and settlement	Describe some of the
			ingenuity have changed how	chronological account of a past	in Britain.	significant achievements
			people live.	civilisation, focusing on their		of mankind and explain
				features and achievements.	Study a feature of a past	why they are important.
			Describe the achievements		civilisation or society.	
			and influence of the ancient	Create an in-depth study of the		Create an in-depth study of
			Romans on the wider world.	characteristics and importance	Create an in-depth study of the	the characteristics and
				of a past or ancient civilisation	characteristics and importance	importance of a past or
			Describe the achievements and	or society (people, architecture,	of a past or ancient civilisation	ancient civilisation or society
			influence of the ancient Greeks	religion, culture, art, politics,	or society (people, culture, art,	(people, culture, art, politics,
			on the wider world.	hierarchy).	politics, hierarchy).	hierarchy).
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			Through the Ages	Describe the significance and	Dynamic Dynasties	Frozen Kingdoms
			Emperors and Empires	impact of power struggles on	Groundbreaking Greeks	Britain at War
			Linperors and Empires	Britain.	Groundbreaking Greeks	Maafa
				Invasion		
				Ancient Civilisations		
Report and Conclude	Create stories, pictures,	Present historical	Make choices about the best	Present a thoughtful selection	Explore the validity of a range of	Think critically, weigh
	independent writing and	information in a simple	ways to present historical	of relevant information in a	historical reports and use	evidence, sift arguments and
Learn about events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally.	role play about historical	non-chronological report,	accounts and information.	historical report, fictional	books, technology and other	present a perspective on an
	events, people and	independent writing,		narrative, in-depth study or by	sources to check accuracy.	aspect of historical
Learn about the achievements of the earliest civilizations – an overview of where and when	periods.	chart, structural model,	Emperors and Empires	answering a range of historical		importance.
the first civilizations appeared and a depth study of one of the following: Ancient Sumer; The		fact file, quiz, story or	Through the Ages	questions.	Groundbreaking Greeks	
Indus Valley; Ancient Egypt; The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China.	School Days	biography.		_	Dynamic Dynasties	Britain at War
	Childhood			Invasion	-	Maafa
		Magnificent Monarchs		Ancient Civilisations		Frozen Kingdoms
		Movers and Shakers				(Geo)

Communication	Use common words and phrases relating to the	Use the historical terms year, decade and century.	Use historical terms to describe different periods of time.	Use more complex historical terms to explain and	Articulate and organise important information and	Use abstract terms to express historical ideas and
Learn about significant historical events, people and places in their own locality. Gain historical perspective by placing their growing knowledge into different contexts: understanding the connections between local, regional, national and international history; between cultural, economic, military, political, religious and social history; and between short- and long-term timescales.	passing of time to communicate ideas and observations (here, now, then, yesterday, last week, last year, years ago and a long time ago). School Days Childhood	Magnificent Monarchs Movers and Shakers	Ask well composed historical questions about aspects of everyday life in ancient periods. Through the Ages Emperors and Empire	present historical information. Ancient Civilisations Invasion	detailed historical accounts using topic related vocabulary. Sow, Grow and Farm Groundbreaking Greeks Dynamic Dynasties	information. Britain at War Maafa
Artefacts and Sources S Learn about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. Some should be used to compare aspects of life in different periods. Understand the methods of historical enquiry, including how evidence is used rigorously to	Use a range of historical artefacts to find out about the past. Express an opinion about a historical source.	Examine an artefact and suggest what it is, where it is from, when and why it was made and who owned it. Use historical sources	Make deductions and draw conclusions about the reliability of a historical source or artefact. Identify and discuss different viewpoints in a range of historical materials and	Explain how the design, decoration and materials used to make an artefact can provide evidence of the wealth, power and status of the object's owner. Identify bias in primary and	Use a range of historical sources or artefacts to build a picture of a historical event or person. Find evidence from different sources, identify bias and	Ask perceptive questions to evaluate an artefact or historical source. Identify different types of bias in historical sources and explain the impact of that
make historical claims, and discern how and why contrasting arguments and interpretation of the past have been constructed.	School Days Childhood	to begin to identify viewpoint. Magnificent Monarchs Movers and Shakers	primary and secondary sources. Through the Ages Emperors and Empire Rocks Relics and Rumbles	Interpret a primary source and understand how the context in which it was written influences the writer's viewpoint. Invasion Ancient Civilisations	form balanced arguments. Groundbreaking Greeks Dynamic Dynasties	bias. Maafa Britain at War
Local History	Describe important	Describe, in simple	Analyse a range of historical	Describe and explain the	Investigate evidence of	Present an in-depth study of
Learn about significant historical events, people and places in their own locality.	events in the school's history.	terms, the importance of local events, people and places.	information to explain how a national or international event has impacted the locality.	impact of a past society on a local settlement or community.	invasion and settlement in the locality.	a local town or city, suggesting how to source the required information.
Conduct a local history study.	School Days	Movers and Shakers	Emperors and Empire	Invasion	Groundbreaking Greeks	Britain at War
Compare and Contrast Learn about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. Some should be used to compare aspects of life in different periods. Learn about a non-European society that provides contrasts with British history — one study chosen from: early Islamic civilization, including a study of Baghdad c. AD 900; Mayan civilization c. AD 900; Benin (West Africa) c. AD 900-1300.	Identify similarities and differences between ways of life within or beyond living memory. Childhood School Days	Describe what it was like to live in a different period. Coastline (Geo) Magnificent Monarchs	Explain the similarities and differences between two periods of history. Through the Ages	Compare and contrast two civilisations. Invasion Ancient Civilisations	Compare and contrast an aspect of history across two or more periods studied. Groundbreaking Greeks Dynamic Dynasties	Compare and contrast leadership, belief, lifestyle or significant events across a range of time periods. Britain at War
Significant Events Learn about events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally.	Identify some key features of a significant historical event beyond living	Explain why an event from the past is significant. Coastline (Geo)	Explain the cause and effect of a significant historical event.	Explain in detail the multiple causes and effects of significant events.	Explain why an aspect of world history is significant. Groundbreaking Greeks	Present a detailed historical narrative about a significant global event.
Study an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066.	memory. School Days	Coastline (Geo) Magnificent Monarchs	Through the Ages Emperors and Empire Rocks, Relics and Rumbles	Invasion Ancient Civilisations	Dynamic Dynasties	Frozen Kingdoms Maafa Britain at War

Significant People Learn about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. Some should be used to compare aspects of life in different periods.	Understand the term significant and explain why a significant individual is important.	Use historical models to make judgements about significance and describe the impact of a significant historical individual.	Devise or respond to historically valid questions about a significant historical figure and suggest or plan ways to answer them.	Construct a profile of a significant leader using a range of historical sources. Ancient Civilisations Invasion	Explore and explain how the religious, political, scientific or personal beliefs of a significant individual caused them to behave in a particular way.	Examine the decisions made by significant historical individuals, considering their options and making a summative judgement about their choices.
Gain historical perspective by placing their growing knowledge into different contexts: understanding the connections between local, regional, national and international history; between cultural, economic, military, political, religious and social history; and between short- and long-term timescales.	School Days Childhood Bright Lights, Big City (Geo)	Magnificent Monarchs Coastline (Geo) Movers and Shakers	Emperors and Empires Rocks, Relics and Rumbles		Groundbreaking Greeks Dynamic Dynasties	Frozen Kingdoms (Geo)
Understand historical concepts such as continuity and change, cause and consequence, similarity, difference and significance, and use them to make connections, draw contrasts, analyse trends, frame historically valid questions and create their own structured accounts, including written narratives and analyses. Know and understand the history of these islands as a coherent, chronological narrative, from the earliest times to the present day: how people's lives have shaped this nation and how Britain has influenced and been influenced by the wider world.	Describe changes within or beyond living memory. School Days Childhood	Describe how an aspect of life has changed over time. Magnificent Monarchs Movers and Shakers	Summarise how an aspect of British or world history has changed over time. Through the Ages Emperors and Empires	Answer and ask historically valid questions about changes over time and suggest or plan ways to answer them Ancient Civilisations Invasion	Frame historically valid questions about continuity and change and construct informed responses. Groundbreaking Greeks	consequences of a significant event in history. Maafa Britain at War Frozen Kingdoms (Geo)
Learn about significant historical events, people and places in their own locality. Learn about the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor.	Describe a significant historical event in British history. Childhood Bright Lights, Big City (Geo)	Describe and explain the importance of a significant individual's achievements on British history. Magnificent Monarchs Movers and Shakers Coastline (Geo)	Describe how a significant event or person in British history changed or influenced how people live today. Explain the cause, consequence and impact of invasion and settlement in Britain.	Describe a series of significant events, linked by a common theme, that show changes over time in Britain. Explain the cause, consequence and impact of invasion and settlement in Britain.		Articulate the significance of a historical person, event, discovery or invention in British history. Describe the growth of the British economy and the ways in which its growth impacted on British life. Maafa
			Emperors and Empires Through the Ages Rocks, Relics and Rumbles (Geo)	Invasion		Britain at War Frozen Kingdoms (Geo)
Chronology Learn about changes within living memory. Where appropriate, these should be used to reveal aspects of change in national life. Study an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066.	Order information on a timeline. Childhood School Days	Sequence significant information in chronological order. Magnificent Monarchs Movers and Shakers	Sequence dates and information from several historical periods on a timeline. Emperors and Empires Through the Ages	Sequence significant dates about events within a historical time period on historical timelines. Invasion Ancient Civilisations	Sequence and make connections between periods of world history on a timeline. Groundbreaking Greeks Dynamic Dynasties	Articulate and present a clear, chronological world history narrative within and across historical periods studied. Britain at War Maafa