HJS Curriculum Skills Progression – History							
History	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6			
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The humanities are taught mainly through topic work. Each year, there will be at least one topic with a History focus, and History will also be covered where relevant in other topics. Topics are designed to deliver essential subject knowledge and to progressively develop the skills required to think like a historian. Teachers will plan their own units of work based on this skills progression sheet.							
Topics	Brilliant Bristol, Awesome Ancestors, Ancient Egypt	Ancient Influences, Earth Explorers, Our World Our Future	Invaders, Explorers, Rainforests	Shaping America, WW2, The Maya			
Chronological understanding	Spot broad differences in time such as then/now; before/after Use dates and terms related to the study unit and passing of time eg BC/AD, ancient, prehistory, prehistoric, period. Sequence five or six events/objects	Some grasp of more complex terms e.g. ancient, modern Produce timelines Sequence seven or eight events/objects	Use period labels (eg Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Vikings, Normans) Use new time terms e.g. century, Match dates to people and events	Place current study on a time line in relation to other studies – e.g history of the Maya, WW2 chronology Expand use of dates and terms e.g. period, era, BC and AD, nineteenth century (e.g. for 1845) Sequence 10 events/objects			
Range and depth of historical knowledge	Find out about everyday lives of people in time studied Compare with our life today and find connections. Study different aspects of different people e.g. differences between men and women (hunters/Stone Age). Identify reasons for people's actions Understand why somebody may have wanted to do something Understand what may have happened as a result of an event or action	Use evidence to reconstruct life in time studied e.g. Roman assembly Identify key features and events of time studied and look for links and effects e.g. Roman invasion of Britain and links to Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome Offer a reasonable explanation for some events e.g. invasion of Britain	Examine causes and results of great events and the impact on people (Context: Migration from Northern Europe) Compare an aspect of life with the same aspect in another period (Context: Religion, village life)	Analyse the motives Offer comparisons and contrasts across more than one period of history e.g of individuals and groups – e.g treatment of Germans after WW1 created a climate for WW2 differences between men and women – e.g roles of men and women during WW2 Explain the beliefs of others including some that are conflicting – e.g German beliefs about Jews, Mayan beliefs			

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Historical	Distinguish between different	Look at the evidence available.	Begin to evaluate the	Link sources and work out how
	sources e.g.	Ask a variety of questions.	usefulness of different sources. Make inferences about the	conclusions were arrived at.
interpretation	picture/photograph, artefact. Draw some conclusions about	Make simple deductions and		Consider ways of checking the
		inferences, e.g. written evidence of Boudica and	viewpoint of others. Show some grasp of the	accuracy of interpretations – fact or fiction and opinion – e.g
	sources.	Ancient Greek artefacts study.	thoughts and feelings of	discuss reliability of sources
		Ancient Greek arteracts study.	others.	and how many of them would
			others.	be subjective.
			(Context: Sutton Hoo, Bristol	Be aware that different
			case study)	evidence will lead to different
			case study	conclusions – e.g look at
				propaganda posters.
				Confidently use the library and
				internet for research
	Gather information from 2 or 3	Read and comprehend a range	Offer some reason for different	Recognise primary and
Historical	sources	of sources	versions of events	secondary sources
enquiry	Begin to use books and	Choose relevant material to	Re-tell a story from the	Use a range of sources to find
enquiry	internet for research	present an account of one	viewpoint of someone involved	out about an aspect of time
	Select and record information	aspect of life in the past	Produce an account of two or	past – e.g WW2 experience
	relevant to study.	Arrange and express	three paragraphs	Engage in an independent
	Write at least three sentences	information in short		investigation – e.g WW2
	to communicate their findings.	paragraphs	Context: Viking invasions from	experience
		e.g. Roman sources describing	the Monks perspectives	Produce accounts of four or
		Boudica		five paragraphs including sub-
				headings
Organisation	Communicate their knowledge	Recall, select and organise	Recall, select and organise	Select and organise
	through: Discussion	historical information	historical information	information to produce
and		Communicate their knowledge and understanding.	Communicate their knowledge	structured work, making
communication	Drawing pictures Drama/role play	Drama / making models /	and understanding.	appropriate use of dates and terms e.g WW2 experience –
communication	Making models	writing task about a Roman	Context: Enquiry- Did the	becoming an expert for visitors
	Writing.	battle	Anglo-Saxons live in Bristol?	becoming an expert for visitors
	Using ICT	butte		

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Significant							
people							
Historical figures and							
historians							
Use of	Artefact	AD/BC BCE/CE	Archaeology	Air raid			
	Archaeologist Ancient	Advantages/ disadvantages Ancient	Artefact Century	Allies Axis Powers			
Vocabulary	BC/AD	Artefact	Church	Blitz			
	Hunter gatherer	Aqueduct	Christianity	Commonwealth			
	Invention	Amphitheatre	Danelaw	Decade			
	Prehistory/prehistoric	Archaeology	Decade	Evacuation			
	Period	Architecture	Gods/Goddesses	Holocaust			
	Chronology	Authentic	Immigration	Nazi			
	Farmer	Ancient Civilisation	Invader	Primary and secondary sources			
	Community	Celts	Migration	Propaganda			
	Compare	Centurion	Monastery	Rationing			
	Bronze	Chronology	Pagan				
	Stone	Duration	Primary evidence				
	Iron	Empire	Settler				
	Neolithic	Emperor					
	Skara brae	Gods / Goddesses					
	Settlement	Greeks					
		Greek tale					
		Hunter-gather Invasion					
		Invention					
		Masks					
		Modern					
		Olympic					
		Peasant					
		Present					
		Roman					
		Sequence					
		Settler					
		Slave					
		Theatre					
		Timeline					

National Curriculum Key stage 2

Pupils should continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British, local and world history, establishing clear narratives within and across the periods they study. They should note connections, contrasts and trends over time and develop the appropriate use of historical terms. They should regularly address and sometimes devise historically valid questions about change, cause, similarity and difference, and significance. They should construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation of relevant historical information. They should understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.