

Core Vocabulary Progression: History



Below are the core vocabulary lists for History.

They give examples of the subject specific vocabulary that children will use and become familiar with during each key stage, reflecting their increasing knowledge, breadth and depth of experience and can be used across a range of topic areas. They are not intended to be used to test pupils but give an indication of the language and terms used by staff in lessons and across units of learning to broaden vocabulary and understanding.

EYFS	YEARS 1&2	YEARS 3&4	YEARS 5&6
past, now, lives, first, last, next, before, after.	past, old, new, a long time ago, recount, sequence, yesterday. Before, after, past, present, then, now, decades, centuries, timeline, sources of evidence, calendar, oral history, museum, invention, local, explorer, discovery. Similarity and difference.	date, time period, era, change, chronology, timeline, artefacts, invade, ancient, medieval, impact, sources of evidence, AD/BC, archaeology, church, Christianity, settler, hunter-gatherer, monarchy, conquest, court, crusades, Dark Ages, emigrant, Emperor, empire, execution, immigrant, migration, monastery, nomad, peasant, Pope, rebellion, republic, revolt, traitor, treason. Primary and secondary sources of evidence, compare/contrast, timeline, decades, centuries, ancient civilisation, social, cultural, ethnic and religious diversity. Aristocracy, agriculture, Gods/Godesses, myths and legends. Cause and consequence.	past, evidence, sources, hypotheses, propaganda, bias, timeline, continuity and change. Primary and secondary sources of evidence, analyse, justify, chronology, continuity, change, significance, legacy, civilisations. Global, colony, pre-history, international, interpretation, nation, parliament, empire, Pre-history.