St Barnabas CE Primary School and Kirmington St Helena's CE Primary School

HISTORY — VOCABULARY PROGRESSION MATRIX

EYFS foundation → KS1 (Stages 1–2) → Lower KS2 (Stages 3–4) → Upper KS2 (Stages 5–6)

1 Core historical vocabulary — cumulative progression

Vocabulary strand	EYFS foundation	KS1 vocabulary Stage 1	KS1 vocabulary Stage 2	Lower KS2 vocabulary Stage 3	Lower KS2 vocabulary Stage 4	Upper KS2 vocabulary Stage 5	Upper KS2 vocabulary Stage 6
Time and chronology	first · then · next · after · old · new	before · after · past · present · now · older · newer	timeline · memory · sequence · change	chronology · prehistory · Stone Age · Bronze Age · Iron Age	AD · period · settlement · Anglo-Saxon · Viking	civilisation · city-state · c. AD 900 · ancient	dynasty · since 1066 · medieval · Tudor · wartime
Sources and historical evidence	photo · picture · story · retell	object · memory · diary · evidence	photograph · account · film · timeline	archaeology · archaeologist · artefact	evidence · archaeology · place name · settlement	glyph · evidence · interpretation · legacy	hieroglyphs · propaganda · evidence · verdict
Similarity, difference and change	old · new · same · different	past · present · change · rebuild	modern · change · material · harvest	farming · metalworking · settlement	migration · settlement · invasion · legacy	civilisation · democracy · citizen · legacy	policing · deterrence · rehabilitation · NHS
Family, daily life and work	family · grandparents · life history	household · appliance · electricity · material	farm · crop · livestock · harvest	hunter-gatherer · farming · settlement · hillfort	kingdom · ruler · trade · settlement	maize · city-state · citizen · Athens · Sparta	irrigation · rationing · evacuation · civilian
Leadership, power and government	people · family · school	king · Parliament · plot	pilot · inventor · achievement	empire · emperor · legion · Boudicca	kingdom · ruler · Æthelflæd · Danelaw	city-state · democracy · citizen	pharaoh · dynasty · law · justice · policing
Beliefs, religion and remembrance	remember · poppy · Bonfire Night	Catholic · Protestant · remember	remembrance · memory · significant	ritual · temple · evidence	Pagan · Christianity · missionary	mythology · temple · civilisation	afterlife · tomb · pyramid · remembrance
Travel, settlement and contact	vehicle · old · new · modern	London · Pudding Lane · household	flight · aeroplane · pilot · timeline	invasion · settlement · Roman · villa	Scandinavia · raid · trade · Danelaw	Mesoamerica · city-state · civilisation	invasion · Allies · evacuation · Nile
Conflict, law and consequences	remember · past · event	plot · gunpowder · spread · rebuild	change · remember · inventor	invasion · empire · Boudicca	raid · invasion · kingdom · ruler	drought · evidence · interpretation	crime · trial · verdict · punishment · air raid
Technology, innovation and achievements	vehicle · modern · old · new	appliance · electricity · timber · rebuild	flight · aeroplane · inventor · harvest	metalworking · Bronze Age · Iron Age	archaeology · trade · legacy	calendar · astronomy · glyph · democracy	irrigation · hieroglyphs · RAF · NHS
Interpretation, significance and legacy	retell · life history · remember	evidence · diary · remember · change	memory · inventor · change · timeline	artefact · archaeology · evidence · legacy	evidence · legacy · migration · settlement	interpretation · legacy · civilisation	propaganda · evidence · remembrance · justice