Subject Specific Concepts in **History**

History Second Order Concept	Explanation	Substantive Concept		
Chronology	The order in which key events happened or important historical figures lived and how these events connect or overlap.	democracy empire revolution		
Change and Continuity	Over time, some things stay the same and some change both across and within different time periods. This can influence how we live today.			
Cause and Consequence	The reason for and impact of events in history on civilisations and the wider world both at the time and in the future.	invasion faith settlements kingdom trade power		
Historical Evidence and Interpretation	The way in which events in the past are explained – the difference between fact and opinion.			
Significance	Anything that has a bearing on a person or an event and how this influenced a situation – including how the past is remembered.			
Communicating about the past	The range of sources that provide information about history and their reliability or accuracy			



Progression of Secondary Order Concepts

EYFS	KS1	LKS2		
Chronology				
Develop a wide vocabulary of historical terms, such as: a long time ago, when I was younger, last year Order how people grow using first, next, last e.g. first you are a baby, next you are a child and then you grow into an adult	Develop an understanding of chronology working from themselves backwards. (All units) Sequence in chronological order at least 3-4 events (GFOL MA/MS&FN) Year 2 children should also: Sequence additional units of study in order on a timeline	Introduce the term BC and use this to help plot a timeline. Understand that when plotting BC dates, the smaller the number, the more recent the event. Be able to order events using the dates (BC-AD) Y4 children should also: Sequence additional units of study in order on a timeline		
	Change and Continuity			
Can talk about: Changes that have happened to themselves That things change over time (e.g. seasons, growth, life cycles, memories, birthdays).	Can identify: Old and new things in a picture (CHILM /GFOL/explorers) What was different and what was the same when their parents and grandparents were children / long ago (MA) (CHILM)	Can identify between and within periods: Things that stayed the same (BA-IA) (Egypt) Things that changed begin to understand why certain changes were important (SA-IA) Make links between events over time. (SA-IA) Begin to note the similarities and differences: within current period of history being studied when current period of history being studied is compared to previous periods that have been studied (SA-IA) Make links between periods of study occurring in the same time but in different places around the world (Egypt-SA-IA)		



Cause and Consequence				
Question why things happen and give explanations	Recognise that significant events happened because of a cause (GFOL / explorers MA)	Understand some of the reasons for and results of people's actions (Romans Boudicca)		
Begin to identify what made something happen	Understand that aspects of life changed following an event (GFOL / Mary Seacole and Florence/MA CHILM) Year 2 children should also: Identify which events were more the most significant in the sequence	Look for links and effects in time studied offer a reasonable explanation for some events (SA-IA) Address and devise historical questions about cause (Romans/AS) Comment on the importance of cause and effects for some key events /daily life (Romans) Year 4 children should also: Identify how multiple factors linked together, led to key events (Romans/AS/Local History) (e.g. reasons for invasion, AS due to flooding/invitation by England /resources)		
	Historical Significance			
Recognise and describe a special object. Recognise and describe a special time or event in their life (self, family or friends).	Talk about who or what was important (e.g. in simple historical account). (GFOL / explorers?) Talk about why they (who or what) were important and what changed/happened. (MS&FN /MA)	Identify historically significant people and events from a period of history and what they did/happened. (Local / Boudicca Romans) Begin to identify why what they did (or what happened) was important and how it changed things for people (Local / Romans)		
	Similarities and Differences			
Know about similarities and differences between: themselves and others families communities traditions	Start to understand life was different for different people in the past: rich and poor (Mary Anning) male and female (Mary Anning) Start to understand that this may have been different in different places at the same time. (FN&MS)	Identify (by including some examples) how life was different for different people in the past: rich and poor (Romans/ Egypt) Local (Verwood) male and female (Romans) different cultures and races (SA-IA-Egypt) different religions (As-Vikings/Egypt) Identify that this may have been different in different places at the same time. (SA-IA-Egypt)		



Historical Evidence and Interpretations					
Understand people have had different experiences	Begin to identify different ways we can find out about the past (e.g. photos, stories, adults talking about the past, artefacts/objects)	Know that there are different types of sources (primary and secondary). a primary source is something that existed at the time a secondary source is something created by someone who			
Understand people have & might like different things	Sort some objects/artefacts between then and now and note key similarities and differences	has not lived through the time / event that is being discussed. Identify different sources that have given them information about the period they are studying.			
Sort some objects into new and old	Identify that two people can have different views of the same event (GFOL)	Identify details in pictures and artefacts. Use evidence from a source to answer a question or support and answer.			
	Year 2 children should also: Find similarities between sources of the same event (recognising that the more something is corroborated, the more likely it is that it occurred).	Begin to consider why there are different versions of events. That these may vary depending upon a person's place/role/side in history (Romans)			
	FN letters and pictures of the wards / Samuel Pepys diary and painting of GFOL	Year 4 children should also: Understand that different versions of the past may exist.			
		Evaluate which sources are the most useful and explain why			



Overview of Units

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
EYFS	All about me – environment and location	Transport – Around the world	Space – Physical features of Earth	Growing and changing – farming and crops	Kings and Queens – locations of the monarchy	Stories from the past – fairy tales and fables
Year 1	Toys 1960 to present day		The Great Fire of London		Mary Anning (local history)	
	Changes in living memory		Events beyond living memory		Significant people / local history	
Year 2		Titanic Events beyond living memory		Mary Seacole vs Florence Nightingale Significant people (comparison)		Explorers - Christopher Columbus / Ellen Macarthur Significant people
Year 3	Stone Age to Iron Age		Ancient Egypt		Railways	
	Changes in Britain		Earliest civilizations		Local history	
Year 4		Romans in Britain		Anglo Saxons		Vikings
		Roman Empire and its impact on Britain		Britain's settlements		Britain's settlements



Vocabulary Progression

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Family	history	Stuart	Archaeologist	Empire
Event	historian	Houses	Artefacts	Legion
Same	pre-history	Narrow/ Wide	Prehistory hunter-	Cavalry
Different	archaeologist	Timber Framed	gatherer nomad	Invasion
experience	sources texts	Oak Bracket	druid wattle	Rebellion
past	diaries	Wood	and daub long	Emperor
routine	photographs	Monarch	barrow Quern	Defeat
familiar	pictures	King Charles II	stone	Aqueduct
unique	artefact	Recreation	hill fort	Centurion
older	information	Plague	River Nile	conquer
younger	records	Jetties	black land	parliamentarian
time	timeline	Brazier	irrigation	restoration
parent	living memory	London	Pharaohs	Catholic
King	past	Port	hieroglyphics	Protestant
Queen	present	Reconstruction	mummification	Protest
Prince	future	Plaster and Lathe	pyramid	Tax
Princess	century	Plague		democracy
Crown	decade			invasion
Before	source			trade
After	significant			settlement
Next	change			Angelo Saxon
Day				Vikings
Week				Kingdom
Magna Carter				Scots
Myth				Picts
Legend				Migrations
Fable				settlement
Folk tale				raid
Coronation				Pagan
Throne				Danelaw
Palace				Danegeld
Family				
Community				