



Vocabulary Progression: History

The following represents the core vocabulary introduced in each year group but is not an exhaustive list and subject specific vocabulary will be introduced in-line with subject areas.

The following vocabulary is introduced in Reception

new	produced or recently discovered for the first time
old	discovered, made or created a long time ago
past	time which is not now
years	a period of 365 days

The following vocabulary is introduced in Year 1

Artefact	a historical object
castle	a large building to protect against an attack
change	make some thing or someone different
chronological	in time order
enquiry	the act of asking for information
eyewitness	somebody who saw something first hand
explorer	a person who explores a new or unfamiliar area
famous	well-known for a reason
Medieval	the time from 500 to 1500 AD
monarchy	the royal family, with a King or Queen leading
past	in a time gone by
present	right now
royal	a member of a royal family – related to a King or Queen

The following vocabulary is introduced in Year 2

chronological order	in time order
century	100 years
conflict	a serious disagreement or argument
decade	10 years
democracy	a government whose power rests with the people
difference	things which have changed

evidence eyewitness locality parliament similar source	something which proves or disproves something somebody who saw something first hand a place where something happened a group of people who oversee a country and make laws things which have not changed much a place, person or thing which can give us information
The following vocabulary is introduced in Year 3 & 4	
accurate ancient AD archaeologist BC customs culture development invasion invaders prehistoric society settlement settlers version	reliable and truthful belonging to the very distant past before the birth of Jesus somebody who searches for information about the past after the birth of Jesus a regular pattern of behaviour social change a change over time an act of invading by a hostile army a hostile army relating to or denoting the period before written records a group of people living together a community of people people who choose to settle in a place a particular form of something
The following vocabulary is introduced in Year 5 & 6	
advancements civilisations comparison empire hypothesis interpretations misinformation propaganda reliable views	the process of promoting a cause or plan. a powerful stage of human, social or cultural activity comparing two or more things against each other an extensive group of countries or states ruled by a single monarch a prediction based on evidence the thinking created by people exploring evidence false information information, often biased, used for political gain able to be trusted personal thinking of people or a person2