



St Michael's CE Primary School

History Progression in Vocabulary
2026-2027

Courage to Flourish in the Love of God

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	Chronology and time	Historical enquiry and evidence	Change, cause and significance	Power, leadership and conflict	Society, culture and everyday life	Named people, places and events
Nursery	Now, Then, Before, After, First, Next, Yesterday, Today	Remember, Look, Photograph, Object, Story, Same, Different	Change, Grow, Special	—	Family, Home, School, Baby, Birthday, Celebration, Tradition, Experience	Christmas, Sports Day
Reception	Past, Present, Before, After, Then, Now, Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow, Last year, Long ago, Order	Remember, Memory, Photograph, Object, Story, Describe, Compare, Similar, Different, Question	Change, Important, Significant, Because	—	Family, Community, Tradition, Celebration, Childhood, Experience, Role	Bonfire Night, Remembrance, Christmas, New Year, Easter, Sports Day
Year 1	Past, Present, Old, New, Modern, History, Long ago, Timeline, Before, After, Now, Order, Sequence, Generation	Source, Sources, Photograph, Museum, Object, Evidence, Discover, Investigate, Explain, Display, Memory, Explore, Identify, Compare, Similar, Different, Clues, Describe	Change		Toy, Wood, Metal, Plastic, Fabric, Material, Strong, Game, Play, Culture, Tradition, Design, Wooden, Baby, Toddler, Family, Parents, Grandparents, Childhood, Experience, School, Building,	Country, World, Birmingham, Local

					Classroom, Community, Migration	
Year 2	1666, Sequence, Event, Modern, Chronology, Chronological Order	Compare, Diary, Eyewitness, Evidence, Source, Record, Similar, Different	Spread, Destruction, Cause, Damage, Rebuilding, Change, Significant, Important, Achievement, Influence, Impact, Improve, Recognised, Contribution, Invention, Improvement, Inspire	Spy, Secret agent, Mayor	Timber, Thatched roof, Narrow streets, Crowded, Dangerous, Bakery, Spark, Embers, Materials, Wind, Dry, Flammable, Fire hook, Leather bucket, Fire break, Water pump, Equipment, Firebreak, Demolition, Rain, Ruins, Brick, Architect, Settlement, City, Community, Nurse, Hospital, Hygiene, Care, Medicine, Bravery, Prejudice, Equality, Computer, Algorithm, Courage, Services, Role model, Qualities	London, Pudding Lane, Samuel Pepys, Christopher Wren, St Paul's, Crimean War, Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole, Jamaica, Ada Lovelace, WWII, Noor Inayat Khan, Birmingham, Local, Joseph Chamberlain

Year 3	Prehistoric, Stone Age, Timeline, BC, Period, Sequence, Ancient, Bronze Age, Iron Age, Time Period	Archaeologist, Evidence, Artefact, Interpret, Compare, Difference, Locate, Record	Adapt, Develop, Improve, Change, Continuity, Development, Progress, Depend, Sustain, Influence, Legacy, Invention, Impact, Shape	Protect, Hillfort, Tribe, Defence, Organise, Pharaoh, Kingdom, Rule, Authority, Govern	Hunter-gatherer, Journey, Environment, Migration, Shelter, Tools, Survive, Gather, Hunt, Metal, Technology, Trade, Barrow, Burial, Belief, Ritual, Ceremony, Symbol, Community, Civilisation, Flood, Fertile, Irrigation, Settlement, Scribe, Farmer, Artisan, Society, Role, Status, Hieroglyphics, Papyrus, Communicate, Mummification, Afterlife, Tomb, Canopic jars, Gods, Pyramid, Architect, Labourer, Structure, trade routes	Africa, Skara Brae, Egypt, Nile, Region, Hatshepsut, Tutankhamun, Giza
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Year 4	Timeline, Ancient	Archaeology evidence, Artefact, Source, Primary Source, Secondary Source, Compare	Expand, Influence, Motive, Develop, Legacy, Continuity, Change, Impact	Empire, Emperor, Legion, Control, Invasion, Power, Conquest, Strategy, Legionary, Shield, Armour, Tactics, Discipline, Organise, Formation, Testudo, Rebellion, Resistance, Revolt, Challenge, Fort, City state, Democracy, Warrior, System, Vote, Citizen, Assembly, Government, Parliament	Resources, Trade, Settlement, Villa, Road, Straight, Transport, Mosaic, Bathhouse, Amphitheatre, Culture, Civilisation, Society, Slave, Artisan, Household, Role, Status, Myth, Legend, Hero, Gods, Storytelling, Belief, Tradition, Olympics, Athlete, Competition, Festival, Celebrate, Architecture, Philosophy, Theatre, Mathematics	Rome, Boudicca, Iceni, Local, Greece, Mediterranean, Region, Athens, Sparta
Year 5	Chronology, Chronological order, Timeline, Period, Century, Duration, Sequence, Before, After,	Source, Primary source, Secondary source, Evidence, Enquiry, Interpret, Interpretation, Inference, Hypothesis, Theory, Evaluate,	Influence, Adapt, Sustain, Achievement, Advanced, Decline, Drought, Impact, Legacy, Consequence	City state, Conflict, Kingdom, Tribe, Raid, Invasion, Fear, Defence, Resistance, Treaty, Strategy, Succession, Claimant, Throne	Civilisation, Temple, Plaza, Pyramid, Settlement, Structure, Glyphs, Codex, Base 20, Symbols, Writing, Communicate,	Maya, Mesoamerica, Region, Anglo Saxon, Local, Viking, Scandinavia, Alfred the Great, Danelaw, Edward

	Simultaneous, Calendar, 1066	Conclusion, Perspective, Account, Reliability			Represent, Gods, Rituals, Sacrifice, Beliefs, Afterlife, Tradition, Ceremony, Maize, Terrace farming, Slash and burn, Agriculture, Environment, Astronomy, Architecture, Observatory, Culture, Identity, Migration, Movement, Community, Longhouse, Village, Farming, Craftsman, Place name, Ham, Ton, Trade, Exploration, Connect, Exchange, Monastery, Crafts, Economy, Trade routes	the Confessor, Harold, Normandy
Year 6	Chronology, Chronological order, Timeline, Century, Decade,	Source, Primary source, Secondary source, Evidence, Enquiry,	Cause, Consequence, Prevent, Contribution,	Invasion, Treaty, Alliance, Dictator, Conflict, Defend, Attack, Control,	Shelter, Survive, Factory, Production, Industry,	Battle of Britain, RAF, Luftwaffe, Blitz, VE Day,

	Period, Duration, Sequence, Before, After, During, Simultaneous	Interpretation, Inference, Perspective, Account, Reliability, Bias, Purpose, Audience, Corroborate, Conclusion	Damage, Rebuilding, Develop, Revolution, Invention, Improve, Legacy, Progress, Pollution, Urbanisation, Development, Influence	Bomb, Air Raid, Siren, Support, Land Army, Codebreaker, ATS, Allies, Empire, Service, Axis, Victory, Peace, Rights	Manufacture, Supply, Essential, Work force, Equality, Evacuation, Billet, Experience, Journey, Global, Celebration, Migration, Housing, Community, Identity, Machinery, Coal, Iron, Resources, Mill, Shift, Conditions, Labour, Dangerous, Manufacturing, Canal, Metalwork, Child labour, Chimney sweep, Apprentice, Responsibility, Trade, Cotton	Birmingham, Local, Bournville
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