

History Vocabulary Progression Map

At Silsden Primary School, we recognise the crucial role of vocabulary development in ensuring pupils build a deep and secure understanding of history. Our clear, sequenced vocabulary progression map ensures that pupils systematically acquire, revisit, and apply key historical terminology across year groups, enabling them to articulate their understanding with confidence. Our sequenced approach to vocabulary ensures that pupils encounter key historical terms in a structured and progressive way; vocabulary is revisited and built upon in different contexts, reinforcing understanding; pupils develop the confidence to use precise historical language in discussion, writing, and historical enquiry; and gaps in vocabulary knowledge are addressed systematically, ensuring all pupils, including those with lower prior attainment or EAL, can access the curriculum fully. By embedding a progressive, well-structured approach to vocabulary, we ensure that pupils leave Silsden Primary with the linguistic tools they need to engage meaningfully with history, both in KS3 and beyond.

	Focus 1	Focus 2	
EYFS	My World	A Long, Long Time Ago	
Year 1	Changes Within Living Memory Decade, Fashion, DIY, Rationing, Utility Clothing, Synthetic Fabric, Pop Culture, Fast Fashion, Vintage, Sustainability, Influencer, Trends	Significant Individuals Nurse, Hygiene, Hospital, War, Astronaut, Moon Landing, Apollo 11, NASA, Pioneer, Legacy	
Year 2	London 1666 Plague, Infection, Epidemic, Firebreak, Diary, London, Pudding Lane, Thatched Roof, King Charles II, Rebuild	David Hockney and Saltaire Saltaire, Titus Salt, Mill, Industrial Revolution, World Heritage Site, David Hockney, Landscape, Exhibition, Textiles, Bradford	
Year 3	The Stone Age To The Iron Age Paleolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, Hunter-Gatherer, Farming, Skara Brae, Stonehenge, Bronze, Hill Fort, Tribe, Barrow, Artefact	The Romans Empire, Invasion, Legion, Conquest, Aqueduct, Villa, Romanisation, Forum, Basilica, Boudica	Focus 3 The Anglo-Saxons and Scots Invasion, Migration, Kingdom, Pagan, Conversion, Settlement, Village, Thatched Roof, Runes, Monastery
Year 4	Ancient Greece Polis, Democracy, Monarchy, Philosophy, Mythology, Olympics, Hoplite, Acropolis, Agora, Architecture	The Vikings Raid, Invasion, Longship, Danegeld, Danelaw, Kingdom, Treaty, Resistance, Wergild, Legacy	
Year 5	Silsden During The Industrial Revolution and Victorian Era Industrial Revolution, Textile Mill, Leeds and Liverpool Canal, Nail-Making Industry, Workhouse, Factory Act, National School, Victorian Era, Child Labour	The Ancient Egyptians Pharaoh, Dynasty, Hieroglyphs, Mummification, Pyramid, Scribe, Irrigation, Afterlife, Nile Delta, Papyrus	
Year 6	World War II Evacuation, Air Raid, Rationing, Blackout, Nazi, Concentration Camp, Holocaust, Propaganda, Axis Powers, Allied Powers	The Ancient Maya Civilisation, City-State, Codex, Glyphs, Maize, Pyramid, Astronomy, Sacrifice, Hieroglyphics	