



EYFS LEARNING IN HISTORY

SUBJECT OVERVIEW



Overview

History

-In History, we look at things that have happened in the past.

We look at the things humans have done in the past, to try and help us understand the present, and what may happen in the future.

In EYFS, we learn about the past and present through looking at our lives and the lives of family and friends.

Almost all of the early History learning can be found in 'Understanding the World', one of the 7 learning areas.



Understanding the World – Past and Present

Past and Present

Children at the expected level of development will: - Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society; - Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class; - Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling.

Changes over Time

-Humans go through life stages: baby, toddler, child, teenager, adult and old people.
-Other things change over time too. For example, they can grow, shrink, decay and die.
- The natural world changes over time. Notice the seasons as they occur, draw on what they have experienced in the past.



Key Vocabulary

History

Past

Present

Future

Time

Family

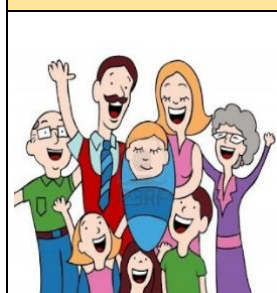
Friends

Earth

Community

Environment

Understanding the World – People, Culture and Communities



Family and Friends

-Family are people who are related to one another.
-Friends are people who like spending time together.
_ What do families do to celebrate. How have we celebrated our birthday / special occasions in the past

Family members include:

Mother/Mum Father/Dad Parent Sister Brother
Grandmother/Nana Grandfather/Papa Auntie
Stepmother/father/sister/brother Uncle Cousin



Experiences

-An experience is something that happens to us in our lives. Children to draw on the experiences they have had in the past.

Life events may include:

-Birthday -Starting school -Birth of brother/sister
-Wedding -Christening -Achievements/ success!



Ways of Life & Occupations

-We share some things with other people. Some things make us unique (different to everyone else).
-A way of life is how you choose to spend your time.
-An occupation is a job – what you do for work.
-Occupations include: teacher, policeman, chef, etc.

Extended Learning



Communities & Traditions

-A community is a group of people who live in a particular place or have something in common.
-E.g. all of the teachers, parents and children at your school make up your school community.
-Your town or village is your local community.
-A tradition is something that people in a group or community do, that has been passed down over time.
-E.g. eating certain foods, wearing certain clothes.



Environments

-Environments are our surroundings.
-Different people, plants and animals like to live in different environments.
-Some examples of natural environments are: garden, forest, beach, desert, rainforest, polar or mountain.

Time and Chronology

-THE PAST:
Birth of
grandparents

-THE PAST:
Birth of
parents

-THE PAST:
When I was a
baby

-THE PAST:
What I did last
week

-THE PAST:
What I did earlier
today

-THE PRESENT:
What I am doing
right now

THE FUTURE:
What I will do later
today

THE FUTURE:
What I will do next
week

THE FUTURE:
What I will do when I
am a grown up

THE FUTURE:
What I will do when I
am an old person