

History in EYFS

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 own 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 – The Natural World

Our World

-Our world is a planet called Earth. It is one of a number of planets that go around the Sun.
 -On Earth, there are many different countries. In each country, there are cities, towns and villages.
 -How has the world changed? Why do we need to worry about the future?



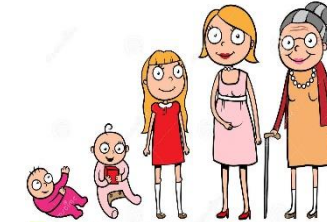
Nature and Objects

-Humans share the planet with lots of other living things, including plants and animals.
 -Animals and plants live in many different ways.
 -There are also things that people have made in the world, for example buildings and cars.



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.



Key Vocabulary

- History
- Past
- Present
- Future
- Time
- Family
- Friends
- Earth
- Community
- Environment

Understanding the World – People, Culture and Communities



Family and Friends

Sub-Area: People, Culture and Communities

-Family are people who are related to one another.
 -Friends are people who like spending time together.

Family members include:

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



Experiences

Sub-Area: People, Culture and Communities

-An experience is something that happens to us in our lives. Important experiences are called life events.

Life events may include:

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

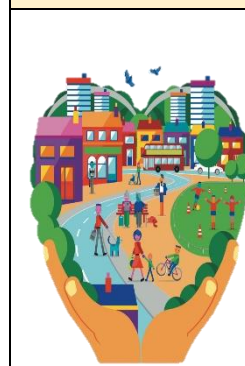


Ways of Life & Occupations

Sub-Area: People, Culture and Communities

-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

Sub-Area: People, Culture and Communities

-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

Sub-Area: The Natural World

-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

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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 |
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