



Learning in EYFS:

History

The EYFS framework is structured very differently to the national curriculum as it is organised across seven areas of learning rather than subject areas. The aim of this document is to help subject leaders to understand how the skills taught across EYFS feed into national curriculum subjects.

This document demonstrates which statements from the 2020 Development Matters are prerequisite skills for history within the national curriculum. The table below outlines the most relevant statements taken from the Early Learning Goals in the EYFS statutory framework and the Development Matters age ranges for Three and Four-Year-Olds and Reception to match the programme of study for history.

The most relevant statements for history are taken from the following area of learning:

- Understanding the World

In planning and guiding what children learn, practitioners must reflect on the different rates at which children are developing and adjust their practice appropriately, referring to the Characteristics of Effective Teaching and Learning. These are: **playing and exploring** – children investigate and experience things, and 'have a go'; **active learning** – children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy their achievements for their own sake; **creating and thinking critically** – children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things. In addition, the Prime Areas of Learning (Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language and Physical Development) underpin and are an integral part of children's learning in all areas.

History			
Three and Four-Year-Olds	Understanding the World		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history.
Reception	Understanding the World		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comment on images of familiar situations in the past.• Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past.
ELG	Understanding the World	Past and Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Talk about the lives of 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.

EYFS End Points

Understanding the world involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community. The frequency and range of children's personal experiences increases their knowledge and sense of the world around them – from visiting parks, libraries and museums to meeting important members of society such as police officers, nurses and firefighters. In addition, listening to a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems will foster their understanding of our culturally, socially, technologically and ecologically diverse world. As well as building important knowledge, this extends their familiarity with words that support understanding across domains. Enriching and widening children's vocabulary will support later reading comprehension.

Nursery:		
Autumn All About Me and My Family Colours and Patterns	Spring Journeys The Changing World Around Me	Summer Amazing Animals Once Upon a Time



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Reception:					
Autumn		Spring		Summer	
All About Me and My Wonderful Body Tales From Long Ago		People Who Help Us The World Around Me		Amazing Animals Water	
Understanding the World					
Children can talk about who is in their family.					
Children can talk about what they do as a family.					
Children know that there are lots of different types of families.					
Children are able to talk about different family members and how they fit into their lives.					
Children are aware of and can talk about their personal life experiences.					
Children can recognise the difference between past and present in their own and other's lives.					
Children know that people at different ages need different things, e.g. a baby compared to a school child.					
Children know that all humans, plants and animals change as they grow up.					
Children make observations about how they have grown up.					
Children know about the symbol of the poppy for Remembrance Day.					
Children can talk about what their parents and grandparents did in the past.					
Children know that some things happened in the past, e.g. dinosaurs					
Children can find out about the life history of other people, e.g. Kings and Queens					
Children can compare old and new toys					
Children know that transport and vehicles were different in the past.					
Children can talk about how some animals have changed over time					
Children know that some animals have become 'extinct'					
Children can answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to events.					
History Skills					
	Changes within living memory	Events beyond living memory	The lives of significant individuals in the past	Significant historical events, people and places in their own locality	
Autumn	Children can talk about who is in their family. Children can talk about what they do as a family. Children know that there are lots of different types of families. Children know that people celebrate festivals.	Children know about the symbol of the poppy for Remembrance Day. Children can talk about what their parents and grandparents did in the past. Children can compare old and new toys. Children know that some things happened in the past, e.g. dinosaurs	Significant to children: parents, grand-parents, etc. Children can find out about the life history of other people, e.g. Kings and Queens	Remembrance Day	
Spring	Children recognise that	Children know that			



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	there are other places in the world/UK that are different to where they live. Children are aware of their personal life experiences. Children know that people at different ages need different things, e.g. a baby compared to a school child. Children know that all humans, plants and animals change as they grow up.	transport and vehicles were different in the past.		
Summer	Children make observations about how they have grown up. Children can answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to events. Children can talk about how some animals have changed over time	Children know that some animals have become 'extinct'		

Vocabulary

today, yesterday, tomorrow, the present, the past, the future, lifetime, calendar, next, birthday

day, week, month, year, long ago, old, new/recent, history, modern

parent, grand-parent, great grand-parent, clue, artefact, memory, Who?, What?, materials, plastic, remember, poppy, same/different, change, people, lives

Areas of Continuous Provision

Indoors

Construction Area – Building using different materials – discuss the variety of materials

Creative – making different toys to recreate new and old toys

Role Play – playing families, doctors now and then, museum

Malleable/Playdoh – make families/vehicles/buildings out of playdoh and describe using historical language

Snack – discussions about what you have done at the weekend/over the holidays and what you will be doing in the near future

Small World – play families and using appropriate language

Mark Making/Writing –

Reading – range of fiction and non-fiction books about the past, present, toys, vehicles, buildings

Sand/Water/Mud Kitchen –

Large Construction – making a variety of dens to recreate homes now and in the past

Key Questions – provide opportunities to develop curiosity, where adults can model questions and children can ask questions.

When do you get up?

When do you go to bed?

Can you think of things you do at different times of the day?

Week?

Weekend?

Are all the days the same?

What is different?

What happened the next day/day before?

Looking at objects

What does... look, feel, smell like?

What do you think you might do with it?

What is it made of?

Have you seen anything like it before?

Can you...?

Why...?

How is it different?

What do you notice about the 'old' bear and the 'new' bear?

Looking at pictures in books or photographs

What can you see?

What do you think...?

Can you see any people in the picture?

What are they doing?

What are they wearing?

Are their clothes the same as yours?

What do you notice that is different?



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