

EYFS Curriculum – Understanding the World – Past and Present

Understanding the World – Past and Present (History)						
	Autumn A	Autumn B	Spring A	Spring B	Summer A	Summer B
Theme	<i>All about Me</i>	<i>Journeys</i>	<i>Space</i>	<i>Growing and Changing</i>	<i>Kings and Queens</i>	<i>Stories from the Past</i>
Understanding the World Past and Present (History)	<p>My past, present, future and that of others including characters from stories.</p> <p>Families; when I was a baby, when my family members were young. Family Trees, diverse representations of family life.</p> <p>Developing sense of chronology; before I was born, before I came to school, which classroom will I be in next year?</p>	<p>George Stevenson; The invention of the Steam Train.</p> <p>Transport in the past; horse and carriage, motor cars, penny farthing, omnibus, ferry, other locally relevant transport from history.</p> <p>Modern transport including the Japanese Bullet Train, hovercraft, racing cars, aeroplanes and</p>	<p>People who looked at the stars; Galileo.</p> <p>Traditional stories to explain the stars e.g. The hunting of the Great Bear.</p> <p>What scientists and astronomers know about our Solar System now; our sun, the planets in our solar system.</p> <p>The Moon landings; Neil Armstrong</p>	<p>Farming in the past; locally relevant information e.g. local areas that used to be farmland, what was grown, what those areas look like now.</p> <p>How farming worked in the past; use of horses and carts, horses and cows pulling ploughs.</p> <p>Present day use of machinery in farming.</p>	<p>The Story of King John and the Magna Carta (Teachers to tell story based on historical events and relevance to Bury St Edmunds Abbey)</p> <p>Locally significant areas in the past e.g. a local historical building</p> <p>Queen Elizabeth II's coronation in Westminster Abbey.</p>	<p>Stories from Ancient Greece; Prometheus stealing fire from the Gods, Theseus and his battle with the Minotaur, Daedalus and Icarus, Athena and Arachne, King Midas and the Golden Touch.</p> <p>Stories from different cultures; Anansi the Spider from the Ashanti in West Africa.</p> <p>Aesop's Fables</p>

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	Our school year – what will we do this year in Reception?	other examples of technologically advanced transport. Ernest Shackleton the explorer; The South Pole, the challenges of his journey	The International Space Station; when and why it was built and launched			The Legend of St George and the Dragon
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