



History in EYFS



History is taught in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) through the area of learning 'Understanding the World' and children will be assessed at the end of the Foundation Stage against the 'Past and Present' Early Learning goal.

Initially the children will learn about their own family and different types of families through our 'The World and me' topic. They will consider the changes in their own lives and talk about significant events in their life. They will learn about the lives of people around them and their roles through visits from members of the community including the local PSCO, Coastguard, vet and personnel from the Royal Navy.

Children will learn about national festivals and celebrations such as the Jubilee and Bonfire night as well as the local celebration of Flora day.

Children will listen to stories from a range of cultures and times, which will help to develop their sense and language of time. Through the topic of 'Once upon a Story' children will listen to and role play stories with historical settings and some featuring historical figures. Children will also have hands on experiences with artefacts and pictures which will enable them to talk about familiar experiences and how they may have differed in the past. A visit to the local museum and town trail will deepen and embed their understanding of the past through concrete experiences.

Changes over time is a key theme running throughout the year, from weekly Welly Wednesday sessions in the woods looking at the changing seasons, to identifying changes in their own lives. There will be a big focus on using simple language that relates to the passing of time.