Key Learning in History: Years 1 and 2



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Show their emerging knowledge and understanding of the past by:

- Recognising the distinction between past and present.
- Identifying some similarities and differences between their own present and aspects of the past.
- Place a few events and objects in order by using common phrases to show the passing of time (old, new/young, days and months).

Show their developing knowledge and understanding of the past by:

- Recognising the distinction between present and past in their own and other people's lives.
- Identifying some similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods.
- Know where some people and events fit into a chronological framework by using common words and phrases about the passing of time (before, after, a long time ago, past...).

Events, People and Changes

- To tell the difference between past and present in their own and other people's lives by using and making simple comparisons to parts of stories, and features of events.
- Recognise that their own lives are different from the lives of people in the past by describing some of the topics, events and people that they have studied.
- Use simple stories and other sources to show that they know and understand key features of events.

Communication

- Understand and use simple historical concepts such as now/then and same/different.
- To show what they know and understand about the past in different ways (speaking, role-play, drawing and writing).
- Understand historical concepts and use them to make simple connections and draw contrasts.

Enquiry, Interpretation and Using Sources

- Use sources to answer *simple* questions about the past.
- Ask and answer questions about the past through observing and handling a range of sources, such as objects, pictures, people talking about their past, buildings, written sources.
- Identify some of the *basic* ways the past can be represented.
- To begin to understand the reasons why people in the past acted as they did from a range of sources (pictures, plays, films, written accounts, songs, museum displays, stories).