

Y1 History Curriculum
Medium Term Plan

Year 1				
Topic		Lesson Focus	Key Knowledge	Vocabulary
Childhood memories	1	How I have changed since birth	Describe how they have changed since being a baby	Change Past Present Then now Similarity difference
	2	Chronology of their lives	Order events of their lives years 1-5 and describe an event Know what a timeline is	Sequence order timeline
	3	Order months of the year and birthdays	Know the months of the year* Order birthdays and compare ages – older, younger	Change Calendar Sequence Order timeline Event Months of the year
	4	Enquiry questions about the homes in the past	Describe things they would like to know about being a child in the past Write clear historical questions using appropriate vocabulary	Change Past Present Then now Similarity difference
	5	Compare their childhoods with older members of the community	Compare homes What furniture was like What families used to do together Use language linked to chronology – past, present, future,	Change Past Present future Then now

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				Similarity difference
Toys and Games – Frank Hornby	1	Recognise and describe the differences between old and new toys	Know how to sort toys into sets based on criteria Order toys chronologically giving reasons for their choices e.g. earlier, later, handmade, electrical, clockwork, old, modern.	change Past Present Sequence Order timeline change Similarity difference contrast First next then now after earlier later
	2	Learn about who Frank Hornby was	Frank Hornby was born in 1863 in Liverpool He was a famous toy inventor, politician and businessman He created Meccano, dinky toys and model trains These toys are collectables and historians use them to learn about toys from the past.	Historian archeologist (person who finds out about the past) Local museum famous Event toymaker inventor businessman successful politician mechanic local worldwide Handmade electrical clockwork factory First next then now after earlier later Handmade Factory made Modern Old artefact (object from the past)

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	3	Compare vintage Meccano with modern day construction toys	Meccano was made of metal Most construction toys are now plastic Construction toys now are more colourful Meccano still available today and we can use it to find out about toys from the past.	Handmade Factory made Modern Old artefact (object from the past)
	4	Compare vintage Hornby Trains and Dinky Toys with modern toys	First Hornby trains were clockwork They were made from metal Most modern toys are made from plastic Some modern toys have batteries	modern old
	5	Enquiry questions about the toys in the past	Describe things they would like to know about toys in the past Write clear historical questions using appropriate vocabulary	historian past present
	6	Compare their toys with older members of the community	Compare materials Compare how they worked Use language linked to chronology – past, present, future,	Handmade electrical clockwork factory First next then now after earlier later Handmade Factory made Modern Old artefact (object from the past)
Local History RNLI & Grace Darling	1	Understand the local links with RNLI	New Brighton has a lifeboat station to rescue people in trouble at sea The station was established over 150 years ago (in 1863) after a public meeting held in Liverpool in 1862, at which it was stated that a lifeboat at New Brighton could frequently reach wrecks sooner than the Liverpool lifeboats, which were about, three times further up the river. RNLI stands for Royal National Lifeboat Intuition https://rnli.org/find-my-nearest/lifeboat-stations/new-brighton-lifeboat-station	Historian (person who finds out about the past) Local past present then now

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	2	How lifeboats have changed over the years and sequence chronologically on a timeline.	<p>Lifeboats have changed and improved over time</p> <p>They were rowing and sailing boats, then steam and petrol powered, then inflatable hovercrafts.</p> <p>These improvements led to saving more lives</p> <p>https://rnli.org/about-us/our-history/timeline</p>	<p>Order sequence timeline change</p> <p>Similarity difference contrast</p> <p>Events</p> <p>First next then now after</p> <p>Modern Old past present</p>
	3	Know what life was like for Grace Darling	<p>Grace Darling was born in 1815 (over 200 years ago)</p> <p>She has 8 brothers and sisters</p> <p>Her father was a lighthouse keeper and she spent her childhood studying and helping her father look after the lighthouse.</p> <p>There was no electricity or running water</p> <p>https://rnli.org/youth-education/education-resources/lower-primary/topic-pack</p>	<p>Source</p> <p>artefact (object from the past)</p> <p>Memorial famous awards national</p> <p>Remember memory</p>
	4	Know about the heroic act of Grace Darling (Gracie the Lighthouse Cat)	<p>When she was 22, she risked her life to rescue the survivors of the wrecked steamship Forfarshire.</p> <p>She used a rowing boat</p>	<p>Source</p> <p>artefact (object from the past)</p> <p>Memorial famous awards national</p> <p>Remember memory</p>
	5	How was Grace Darling remembered	<p>Grace received several rewards including one from RNLI</p> <p>Grace died 4 years later, aged 26</p> <p>She is still remembered to day and there is a museum all about her</p> <p>She became the RNLI national figure in 1838</p>	<p>Source</p> <p>artefact (object from the past)</p>

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			Know that historians use artefacts (such as her letters/medal) to find out about Grace's life.	Memorial famous awards national Remember memory
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*ongoing skill throughout year