

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 Birth to Three (two-year-olds) 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 addition to this, our Early Years Setting have identified curricular goals for our specific context of children to achieve when they leave Helperbees and Reception. So, some of our statements are taken from our own curriculum.

The most relevant goals to History are:

Helperbees – To show an understanding of their feelings and the feelings of other

Learn new vocabulary and engage with it

Reception – Observe and explore the world around us

Have a positive sense of self and a respect for others

Engage in discussion and solve problems and organise thinking

History			
Two-Year-Olds	Understanding the World		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make connections between features of their family and other families.
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.