Year 1 Swans
History
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Discovering History

What is history?

History is the study of the past - the last 6,000 years, approximately, from the first evidence of human writing. Anything before this is known as prehistory. Studying history allows us to discover the people, places and events of the past that have helped to shape the present day. The reason we learn about history is so we can understand where we have come from. It also helps us understand that things are always changing and a lot of the time that makes life better.

To be a historian, you have to act as a detective, search for clues about the past and put them together to find out what happened. Historians use different sources from history to be able to uncover stories about the past and find out how people lived at different points in time.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
archaeologist	A person who looks in the ground for clues about the past.
artefact	An object made and used a long time ago.
census	The procedure of gathering information about a particular population.
evidence	A collection of facts, information or objects that suggests whether something is true or false.
family tree	A graphical representation of a person's family.
historian	A person who studies and learns about the past.
history	The story of the past.
information	Facts about a situation, person or event.
local	The area you live.
past	The time before the moment.
present	The period of time occurring now.
pre-history	The time before people wrote things down.
sources	A place, person, or thing from which something originates.
timeline	A display of events in chronological order.

What is a source in history?

A source is anything that contains information about the past.
Sources of evidence include;
Artefacts - such as bones, pottery, weapons, tools, coins and art
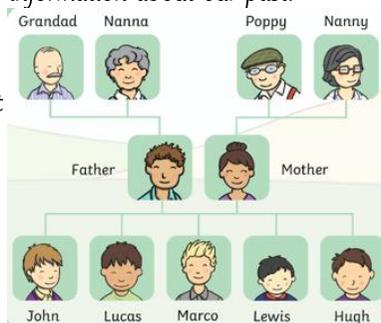**Images** - photographs and film from recent history
Writing - including inscriptions carved in stone, writing on walls, journals, newspapers and diaries.
Oral - stories which have been passed down through the generations.

Family Trees

Families come in all shapes and sizes. Family trees show how people in families are related. They help us to tell our family story and share information about our past.
We can sequence information about our family, from the oldest to the youngest. We can use photos, drawings or words to help share information about a family.

Brandon in the past

Brandon is a town in the county of Suffolk. It has a population of around 10,000. Brandon used to look very different to how it looks now.

Timeline

Dinosaurs	Must Farm	Must Farm	Us
Millions of years ago	3 thousand years ago	3 thousand years ago	Now