

History Vocabulary Ladder

EYFS

In EYFS, we expect children to understand and use the following words or their associated meanings:

Now, next, after, day, night, today, week, month, long ago, tomorrow, yesterday, story time, dinner time, home time, days of the week, months of the year, weekend, spring, summer, autumn, winter, baby, child, teenager, baby, child, teenager, adult, frow, change, grandparent, old, new, who

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 1	Toys	Transport	The Seaside
	History Order Toys Change	Transport Passengers Steam engine	Victorian Long ago Living memory
	Smart toy Digital Gender Time	Railway Museum Station	Remember Lifetime Photograph
	Timeline Sequence Smartphone	Platform Vehicles Carriages	Modern Opinion Older Oldest
	Different Tablet Computer	Harbour Marina Moorings	
	Games Years Similar Decade	Conductor Compare Contrast	
		Inventions	

Year 2	Significant People	Significant People	Significant People
	Lifeboat Rescue Row Shipwreck	Explorer Significant Pioneer	War Nurse Living conditions
	Rocks Islands Local National	Space New World Merchant	Soldiers Hygiene
	International Achievements	Voyage Mission Native Historian	Medal Hospital Injury
	Chronological order Safety lamp	Navigate Discover Astronaut	
	Miners Race Fastest	Planet Old World Trade	
	Electricity Influence Recount	Compass Universe Inhabitants	
Year 3	Stone Age to Bronze Age	Bronze Age to Iron Age	The Romans
	Stone Age Cave Caveman/woman	Bronze Age Pottery Roundhouse Britons	Rome Romans Roman Empire
	Misconception Chronological Evidence	Celts Tribe Europe Village	Emperor Empress
	Archaeologist Palaeontologist Era/period	Warrior Woad Shield Sword	Invasion Motives Ruled
	Extinct Mammoth Eroded Excavation	Hill Fort Settlement Druid Torc	Assemble Army Leather hides
	Reconstruction Vegetation Palaeolithic	Bracae Spear Arrow Quiver	Gallery Gladiators Amphitheatre
	Neolithic Flint Harpoon Nomadic	Community Population	Impose Battle Civilization
	Hunter-gatherer Stonehenge Remains	Gods / Goddesses Archer	Consequence Taxes Protect
	Burial Ancient Decayed Memorial	Copper Chisel Axe	Temple Retreat Secondary
	Artefacts Monument Life expectancy	Proof Solstice	Primary Evidence
	B.C.E (Before the Common Era)		
	C.E (The Common Era) B.C (Before Christ)		
	A.D (Anno Domini) Millennium		

Year 4	The Anglo-Saxons	The Vikings	The Battle of Hastings
	Anachronism Anglo-Saxon	Slaughter Viking Norsemen	Norman English Charge
	Defend Nun Mound Fortress	Tyranny Helmet Longships	Armour Retreat Cavalry
	Monk Homeland Persecuted	Scandinavia Horn cup Freeman	
	Cremation pot Runes	Slave Myth Migration Invasion	
Year 5	Coalmining	Ancient Greeks	Boudicca (Year 3 Romans)
	The Industrial Revolution Child labour	Primary evidence Secondary evidence	Rome Romans Roman Empire
	Mills/factories Reformers Legislation	Trojan Troy Surrender	Emperor Empress Invasion Motives
	Slums Epidemics Evaluate	Battering Ram Factual Procession	Ruled Assemble Army Retreat
	Accurate Colliery Pit pony	Negotiation Authentic	Impose Battle Civilization
	Local history		Consequence Temple Taxes Protect
			Primary Secondary Evidence
Year 6	Shipbuilding	Ancient Egyptians	Lindisfarne (Year 4 Vikings)
	Sources Change Cause Similarity	Tomb Mummification Decipher	Impression Purpose Eyewitness
	Difference Significance	Pyramids Ancestors Prosperity	Significance
	Connections Contrasts Trends	Interpret Afterlife Nested coffins	Slaughter Viking Norsemen
	Argument Point of View	Sacred	Tyranny Helmet Longships
			Slave Myth Migration Invasion