

Knowledge  
Organiser

Reception

Spring 2  
2024

What happened  
long ago?



Children will be able to...

- ⇒ Talk about their own family and the oldest people in their family.
- ⇒ Talk about how things in our homes have changed due to electricity.
- ⇒ Recognise and name some forms of transport from the past.
- ⇒ Explain that dinosaurs are extinct and understand that no humans were alive when dinosaurs were on Earth
- ⇒ Talk about fossils and what they tell us about the past.
- ⇒ Talk about space travel and know who first walked on the moon.
- ⇒ Order some historical events on a simple timeline.

In this unit children will begin to develop some historical knowledge and know that things that have already happened are in the past. They will start by looking at their own families and find out about their ancestors. They will compare home life from the past to now. They will study artefacts and think about what they tell us about the past. They will travel further back in time to learn about dinosaurs. They will also learn about some significant historical events including the space race.

Key questions:

Who are our ancestors?

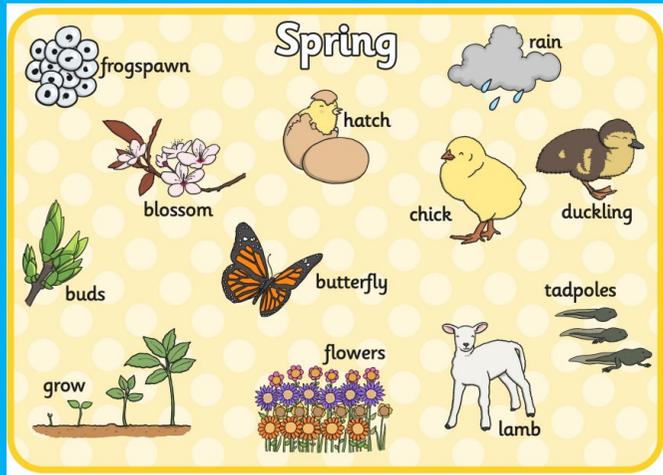
How have items in our homes have changed since Victorian times?

How have toys changed since Victorian times?

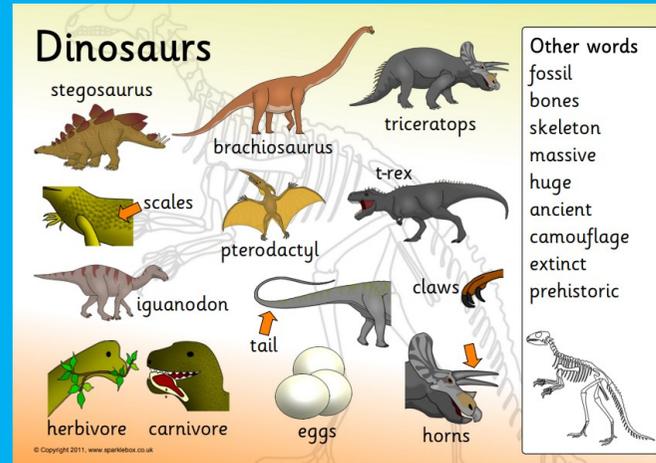
How do we know dinosaurs existed?

Who went to space?

# Spring



# Dinosaurs



# History

ancestor      past  
artefact      present  
future



# Space



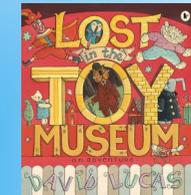
# Key Vocabulary

Vocabulary	Definitions
artefact	An object that tells us about history.
ancestor	A person from our family in the past.
fossil	Remains of plants or animal that lived a long time ago.
archaeologist	A scientist who studies things that have been left behind from the past.
carnivore	An animal that eats mainly meat.
herbivore	An animal that eats plants.
omnivore	An animal that eats meat and plants.

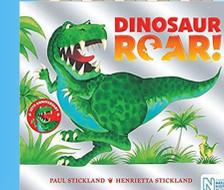
# Books you could share at home

Here are some books you might like to share at home to support our topic learning. Ask your nearest library if they have a copy you could borrow.

Lost in the Toy Museum



Dinosaur Roar



Girl and the dinosaurs



Whatever Next

