Progression of skills: History (Understanding the World – Past and Present) Reception

What do we cover?

Early Learning Goal:

- Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society
- Knows 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 story telling

How do we do it?

Autumn

- Personal history: How they have changed since they were born, Baptism, Birthdays, how they celebrate Christmas, new year, family celebrations (also RE link and throughout the year)
- Family Trees (also RE link)
- Guy Fawkes and bonfire night
- Remembrance day
- Florence Nightingale learning about nursing in the past
- Toys past and present toys

Spring

- Neil Armstrong (Space)
- Look at old and new vehicles
- Dinosaurs Mary Anning

Summer

• Life cycles (chick, frog, plant) to show changes over time

Throughout the year:

- Window looking at how an environment changes over time (also science/geography/art link) – Summer Term but photos taken throughout the year
- Interesting items within provision e.g. old equipment in home corner for children to explore (old toy/kitchen equipment) throughout the year.
- Looking at pictures in story books and nursery rhymes talking about things from the past and how they have changed now.
- Learning Feedback times talking about what they have just been doing in their learning sessions.