

## General historical vocabulary

This document lists some of the general historical vocabulary used in school. As children study different periods of history, they will encounter subject specific vocabulary as well as general historical vocabulary. Teachers plan specific vocabulary for each topic studied.

### Early Years

today	long ago	day	memory	family
yesterday	the present	week	remember	parent
tomorrow	the past	month	clue	grandparent
last week	the future	year	photograph	great-grandparent
new	old	a long time ago	What?	When?

### Key Stage 1

timeline	ancient	modern	decade	century
date order	similarities	differences	living memory	because
opinion	detective	artefact	invention	change
by hand	mechanical	opinion	newer	older
When?	period	travel	explorer	research
historian	investigate	research	evidence	letters
newspapers	websites	Where?	Why?	How?
King	Queen	local	museum	

## Key Stage 2

A.D.	chronology	emperor	interpretation
B.C	colony	empire	invasion
ancient civilisations	conquest	global	Iron Age
archaeology	continuity	Gods/Godesses	Islam
aristocracy	court	heresy	migration
calendar	Dark Ages	hunter-gatherer	missionary
Church	democracy	immigrant	Monarchy
Christianity	emigrant	international	monastery
Myths and legends	nation	nomad	oral history
parliament	Pope	peasant	Prehistory
Primary evidence	Secondary evidence	rebellion	republic
revolt	sacrifice	settler	slave
Stone Age	torture	traitor	treason
millennium	Middle Ages	The Industrial Revolution	excavate
propaganda	biased	one-sided	legacy
eye witness	historian		