



What is history?

History is the study of things that have happened to humans in the past; basically it is the story of humans.

We call the time before history (the story of humans) pre-history or prehistoric.

Why is history important?

"People without knowledge of their past is like a tree without roots" *Marcus Garvey*.

It gives us a link to the people and the events of the past and helps us to learn from what has gone on before.

Key concepts

- *History is the study of past events involving humans.
- * The time before humans is known as the prehistoric age.
- *Change is a process that happens over time affecting people and places.
- * Some things that happened long ago have had a big impact on our lives today.
- *History is made by everyone (including YOU!).
- * We learn about history through the things people leave behind e.g maps, photos, artefacts and stories.

What is a historian?

A historian is the name for someone who studies and researches the human past.

We are all historians .

A good historian ...

...is someone who is curious about things that have happened before.

...looks carefully at historical objects and artefacts (stuff from the past) and thinks about the stories it can tell us.

....listens to people who can tell us about things that happened before we were born

...makes links between things that have happened in the past and things that happen now.