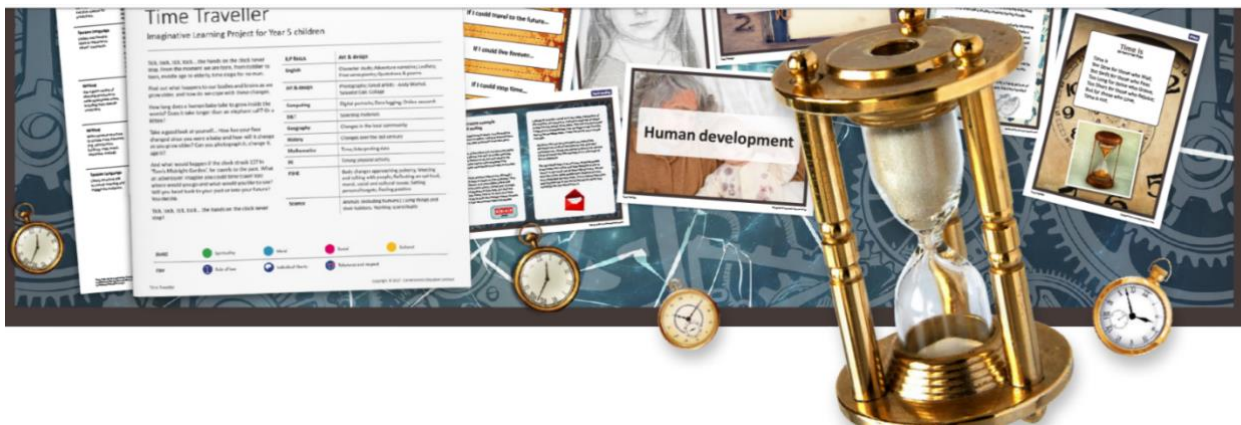


Year 5 Topic

Time Traveller



Time stops for no man – not even us!

During this topic, we'll meet people from different generations to find out what life was like in the past and we'll predict how things might change in the future. Using real portraits from the past for inspiration, we'll write character descriptions about the people in them. We'll create a timeline of our lives and watch a time-lapse of human development. By taking close-up photographs, we'll be able to create our own Andy Warhol style prints and experiment to see how photographs can be changed and enhanced. Smile, please! We'll write adventure stories about the fascinating subject of time travel. Our science work will focus on why hygiene is important. We'll also create clock artwork based on the style of Salvador Dali.

At the end of the project, we'll make collages to represent our hopes and dreams and create an electronic time capsule that represents life in the present day.

Help your child prepare for their project

There's a wealth of knowledge about history in your own home. You could also ask family members about their favourite memories and what school was like when they were a child. What clothes did they wear and what toys did they play with? Alternatively, you could visit your local museum to look at toys, packaging and other objects from the past.

What will you choose to do?

- Talk to members of your family to find out what has changed since they were 10 years old. What things have changed and what has stayed the same? Is the world a better place now?
- Take a look at some old family photographs. Create a timeline for your family showing important events such as births, marriages or house moves.
- Research some scientific arguments about time travel. Do you think it will ever be possible?
- Take digital photographs of as many different types of watches as you can find and create a montage. Design a watch of your own using your collected images as inspiration. You could incorporate some exciting new functions!
- If you could travel to any time period, anywhere in the world, where would you go? Make a scrapbook of your chosen period and explain what you would do while you were there.
- Write an autobiography of your life so far.
- Time yourself doing different activities at home. Create a pie chart to show the proportion of time each day you spend eating, sleeping, or at school. Are there any activities you would like to do more or less? What would the pie chart of your perfect day look like?
- Find out about some of the most important technological inventions of the last century, such as mobile phones, GPS, microwave ovens, MRI scans, video games and the World Wide Web. Can you imagine life without them now? Conduct a survey to find out which aspect of technology your family and friends would miss if they had to do without it.
- Draw and label a design for a product of the future. What would it do? How would it make life easier?
- What is your earliest memory? Video yourself talking about it or write it down as a class blog post. Compare your earliest memory with those of your classmates.
- Create portraits of members of your family. Will you draw, paint, take photographs or use computer software?



