



# Year 1 - Autumn - History Knowledge Organiser



## What I already know...

In EYFS the children learnt about the world around them, they found out about the past through talking to their parents, grandparents and friends and they developed an interest in their own story as well as the stories in their family – this is the beginning of developing an understanding of the past and set the foundations for us to learn about how other people are different from them, yet share some of the same characteristics.

## What I will learn...

- Grace Darling was born in 1815 during the Victorian period.
- Grace Darling was the daughter of a lighthouse keeper.
- On the 7th September 1838, it was a stormy night and Grace aged 20 and her father William rescued nine people from a wrecked ship
- Grace became renowned as a heroine.
- We understand **how** we know about what Grace Darling did: that the courageous rescue was reported by national newspapers and her story spread
- Grace received several awards, including a Gold Medal of courage Grace became remembered in in plays, songs, poems and her story is told in the RNLi Museum
- RNLi is a charity called the Royal National Lifeboat Institution

## Key Vocabulary

'The Past'	Events that have happened previously
'The Present'	Events occurring now
'The Future'	Events that are likely to happen after 'this' moment
Queen Victoria	The Queen of the UK 1819 - 1901
Heroine	A woman admired for her courage or outstanding achievements
Courageous	The ability to do something that frightens you
Similar	To share things in common but that are not identical
Difference	To have a little amount in common
Storm	Weather that is windy accompanied by thunder and lightning
Survivors	A person who has survived an event in which others have died

## Making a difference at The Merton

Grace Darling rowed out with her father one stormy night in 1842 and rescued nine sailors stranded and clinging to a rock. We discover that it was Grace's determination, courage and kindness that enabled her to carry out this act of bravery and that by working in collaboration with her father she became a heroine. Even when you are 5 and 6 years old, such acts inspire us to be brave and help others even if a we feel a little scared, both within our own little world and further afield. We explore Grace Darling's legacy: The RNLi charity that saves lives at sea and the people who volunteer today. We consider how modern day lifeboats enable rescues today and how modern technology is different from in the past. We make inferences between now and past by looking for clues in paintings and photographs such as the clothes people are wearing and express our understanding through drama and role play. Finally we make links to water safety in and around our coast, rivers, canals and lakes.

## Making a difference at home

Kindness, determination and courage are qualities we come to understand and admire in Grace Darling. When you find something a challenge remember that you too can develop these character traits in yourself. Maybe you need to be a little braver or determined to help you if you are learning to ride your bike or to learn your spellings! Kindness is always important and being kind to others will make for a happy day for those around you.