

Significant Figures

Word	Meaning	Example / How We Use It
Significant	Important because of what they did.	Florence Nightingale was a significant person.
Past	What has already happened.	We learn about the past in history lessons.
Present	What is happening now.	We live in the present.
Event	Something important that happened.	The moon landing was an important event.
Achievement	Something important someone did.	Mary Seacole's work was a great achievement.
Impact	The effect someone had on the world.	Neil Armstrong's impact changed space travel.
Influence	The power to change people's thinking or actions.	Martin Luther King Jr. influenced many people.
Legacy	What someone is remembered for.	Florence Nightingale's legacy lives on today.
Primary Source	Something from the time it happened.	An old photograph is a primary source.
Secondary Source	Information written later.	A history book is a secondary source.
Compare	Find what is the same and different.	We compare two historical figures.
Change	How things become different over time.	Medicine has changed over history.



🌸 **By the End of the Unit, Children Should Be Able To:**

- ✓ Explain what makes a person **significant**
- ✓ Name several **significant figures** and describe their achievements
- ✓ Talk about **impact, influence** and **legacy**
- ✓ Use evidence to answer questions about the past
- ✓ Compare two historical figures
- ✓ Explain how life has **changed over time**



🌟 Interesting Facts

- Florence Nightingale improved hospitals and saved many lives.
- Neil Armstrong was the first person to walk on the Moon in 1969.
- Rosa Parks helped change the laws about equality in America.
- Mary Seacole set up hospitals to care for soldiers during war.



Website	What It's Good For
BBC Bitesize – History	Clear explanations, videos and quizzes about significant people and events. Excellent for KS1 & KS2.
DK Find Out! – History	Interactive pages about famous people, timelines and historical changes.
National Geographic Kids	Biographies of explorers, scientists and world changers, with photos and facts.
Primary Homework Help – History	Simple explanations of historical topics and significant figures for children.
History for Kids	Child-friendly biographies, timelines and world history topics.
The British Library – Learning	Real historical sources, photos and stories for classroom use.
Imperial War Museums – Learning	Resources about key historical figures and events.
The National Archives – Education	Excellent examples of primary sources and how to use them with pupils.
Time Maps	Visual timelines showing important people and events in history.

📅 Key Learning & Knowledge

Pupils will learn about **significant people** who:

- Changed medicine, exploration, rights, science, or everyday life
- Had a lasting **impact** on the world
- Are remembered for their **achievements** and **legacy**

They will:

- Use **timelines** to place events in order
- Explore **primary and secondary sources**
- **Compare** different people from the past
- Identify **changes over time**