

Term 1 – History with Marguerite

History with Marguerite is a gentle start into history for your Year 1 child. Beginning with their own history and their family history, it looks at the changes in places over time and the way daily life has changed. Starting from talking to loved ones about the changes in their lifetimes, it then spirals to read *Marguerite Makes a Book*, a story of a young girl helping to create a manuscript, set in the Middle Ages in Paris, France. Obviously, her daily life is very different to that of your Year 1 child and this unit delicately draws your child through a living book to living history and appreciating it.

As with all My Homeschool units, we encourage you to find books in your own shelves and in your local library that complement this theme to read through the term you are journeying through this unit. Perhaps your child might enjoy these books that look at daily life in times past:

- *A Time to Keep* by Tasha Tudor
- *Bright Star* by Gary Crew

Lesson 2 – Changes in Places

Use this lesson to discuss with your child about how places have changed over time.

Find a photograph of a family home and note how the streetscape is different to that of today (look for house extensions and developments, for trees growing taller).

Talk about the differences between modern and historic homes.

Perhaps visit a place in your local neighbourhood that has changed during the last couple of years that your child would be aware of. Talk about what was there before and how things are different now.

You could view: [Visit a Restored 19th-century Cottage](#)

A good book to read is *Amelia Ellicott's Garden* by Liliana Stafford and Stephen Michael King.

Talk about places that were built a long time ago and can still be visited today but have a different significance to us. [This video](#) about the Sydney Observatory in colonial times may be of interest.

Extra activities or excursions: