

## Theme 1

# The Story of the Past and Evidence in History

You learnt earlier that time is measured in seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months and years. Today (now) is called the **present**. Things happen, events take place, in the present. For example, you are reading this book in the present. If you write a story of your present, you might say (fill the blank with the correct time):

'It is \_\_\_\_\_. I am in class. I am sitting at my desk. I am reading a book. My teacher and classmates are in the class too.'

The time before the present is called the **past**. The time that comes after the present is called the future.



Events have taken place in the past too. When we learn about the people and events of the past, we understand their story. It is a story of the past.

How do we learn about the past? One way is to read about it in books. There are also many other ways in which we learn about the past.

In the next two chapters you will learn something about:

- why we learn about the past.
- how we learn about the past.