

The Line Behind You: KS2 Curriculum Map

Core use Year 5–6 (ages 9-11), flexible for Year 3–4 (ages 7-9)

KS2 curriculum	Where in main narrative	Activities at the back
Evolution & Inheritance		
Recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The ancestor line itself shows change over time - Fossil evidence in the Fun Fact boxes of most pages. - The Family Timeline appendix dates key transitions, such as first life, first mammals, first apes etc. 	 2. Timeline Challenge  1. Evidence Hunter
Recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The first Fun Fact, “No repeats” explicitly covers variation - The line itself: each ancestor is unique, not a clone 	 3. Look closely
Identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The main narrative shows how each adaptation helped ancestors survive in their environment. - The “superpower” in the subtitle of each spread 	 4. Ancestor Superpowers
Working Scientifically		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask relevant questions • Use different types of scientific enquiries to answer them • Gather, record, classify and present data • Use results to draw simple conclusions and support findings with evidence. 	<p>The Fun Fact boxes on each page highlight different kinds of evidence behind the facts (fossils, rocks, DNA)</p> <p>The stacked bar chart showing the line distance on each page is a way to present data.</p>	 1. Evidence Hunter  5. Where in History Do You Stand?

Also supports wider KS2 curriculum:

- **Maths (number & statistics)**: large numbers in subtitles, comparative bar chart of line segments, and  *Timeline Challenge*.
- **History (chronology & change)**: book gives an long prehistory;  *Where in History Do You Stand?* links from Stone Age to Victorians to scale.
- **English (reading & writing)**: layered non-fiction text (narrative + facts + glossary).
- **PSHE (identity & respect)**: Empathy to others past and present is encouraged, especially in the last few pages of the narrative.