

Extension Ideas - A time-line in your own backyard
Hang pictures of the important events in the history of life on a string time-line
www.earthlearningidea.com/PDF/Washing_line_time.pdf

From Dee, UK

I suggest that instead of using pegs to fix the cards on the string, paper clips are used. A hole should be punched in the middle of the top of each card and a paper clip threaded through. This means that the cards can be accurately placed in position on the string, especially where they are all clustered at the end. This is not possible using pegs.

From Dave, UK

Instead of using 5m of string marked every 500 million years (0.4m left over), use 5m to represent the last 500 million years. It is then much easier to position the cards in place. You could have the rest of the string, i.e. another 41m, to represent the whole of Earth's history (4,600 million years)!