

St Vincent De Paul R.C. Primary School, Knutsford

Mission Statement:

Believe, Trust and Be Ready

“That they may have life, and to the full” John 10:10



History Curriculum



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Rationale

Our History curriculum aims to develop a curiosity that makes each child inquisitive about the past. We want our children to have a strong historical knowledge of the curriculum and our local area thinking about why our town is shaped the way it is. We support our children to ask perceptive questions, think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments and develop perspective and judgement. History helps pupils to understand the complexity of people's lives, the process of change, the diversity of societies and relationships between different groups, as well as their own identity within modern Britain.

Intent

Through our teaching of History we aim to:

- foster in children an interest in the past and to develop an understanding that enables them to enjoy all that History has to offer
- enable children to know about significant events in British history, and to appreciate how things have changed over time
- develop a sense of chronology
 - understand how Britain is part of a wider European culture, and to study some aspects of European history
- have some knowledge and understanding of historical development in the wider world
- help children understand society and their place in it so that they develop a sense of their cultural heritage
- develop in children the skills of enquiry, investigation, analysis, evaluation and presentation

Implementation

History has been planned to ensure full coverage of 'The National Curriculum programmes of study for History 2014', and 'Understanding of the World' in the Early Years Foundation Stage. Children are taught a range of knowledge and skills in both Key stage 1 and Key stage 2.

In History we have established an outcomes driven curriculum which recognises the importance of identifying not just what we want our children to know and do in History but also the intellectual outcomes we intend them to achieve by and through their learning. As children progress as historians we recognise that whatever the content of their learning and the subject skills they are using, our expectations of them must be focused on the progression in subject outcomes. These outcomes are reflected in the end of Key Stage 1 and 2 performance descriptors.

We are developing a key question led enquiry approach, which encourages our children to take increasing responsibility for their learning, think independently and achieve challenging subject outcomes.

EYFS

History is taught in Reception as an integral part of the topic work through child-initiated and adult led activities. The children are given the opportunity to find out about past and present events in their own lives, and those of their families and other people they know. In the Foundation stage, History makes a significant contribution to developing a child's understanding of the world through activities such as looking at pictures of famous people in history or discovering the meaning of new and old in relation to their own lives.

Key Stage One

During Key Stage 1, pupils learn about people's lives and lifestyles. They find out about significant men, women, children and events from the recent and more distant past in Britain and the wider world. They listen, and respond to stories and use sources of information to help them ask and answer questions. They learn how the past is different from the present.

Key Stage Two

During Key Stage 2 pupils learn about significant people, events and places from both recent and more distant past. They learn about change and continuity in their own area, in Britain and in other parts of the world. They look at history in a variety of ways, for example from political, economic, technological and scientific, social, religious, cultural or aesthetic perspectives. They use different sources of information to help them investigate the past both in depth and in overview, using dates and historical vocabulary to describe events, people and developments. They also learn that the past can be represented and interpreted in different ways.

Impact

As a result of our History teaching at St. Vincent's you will see:

- Happy, confident and engaged children who are challenged appropriately.
- Children who can talk about their learning and knowledge in this subject.
- Lessons that use a variety of resources to support learning.
- Learning that is tracked and monitored to ensure all children make good progress.

Long Term Plans

Class	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Sum 1	Sum 2
Reception	How have I changed since I was a baby? What was my favourite toy when I was a baby? How do I get to school?					
Y1	What toys did my parents and grandparents play with?		What were shops like in the past?		How did Victorian people get around?	
Y2	Why did Guy Fawkes blow up Parliament?		Why did London burn?		Why are Amelia Earheart and Christopher Columbus important?	
Y3			How did Britain change from the Stone age to the Iron age?		What was happening around the world BC?	What were the achievements of the Ancient Egyptians?
Y4		Would you like to live in Ancient Greece?			Did the Romans improve Britain?	Did Boudica poison herself?
Y5	Who ruled Britain when the Romans left?	Were the Anglo Saxons and Vikings good neighbours?			Were the Maya any better or any worse than other societies?	
Y6		Do I understand the different wars through time?	How did World War 2 affect communities like Knutsford?			

Progression

See Assessment Progression document