

Vision for History



“At St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School, we want all of our pupils to have an understanding of the past and how history will shape their future. We believe that high-quality history lessons encourage critical thinking; enhance the ability to weigh evidence and generate arguments; develop chronological understanding and allow pupils to develop their sense of perspective. Over and above all this we want our pupils to be passionate about history. Our History Curriculum is full of topics which foster awe and wonder and actively motivate children to ask ‘why’. Wherever possible, links are made between subjects in projects with overarching themes (eg Egyptian Pyramids) to contextualise and motivate learners. The learning objective of each lesson draw from knowledge and skills included in the National Curriculum. Projects provide highly productive opportunities to use and apply basic skills in Literacy and Numeracy whilst strengthening pupils’ learning in history, or other subjects.”

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History Subject Leader



WHOLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM OVERVIEW FOR HISTORY: YEAR B 2023-24

	AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
EYFS	<p>Due to the nature of the Early Years Foundation Stage topics, coverage and skills are not pre-planned. Learning opportunities come from children's abilities and interests. Guidance for skills are taken from the Development Matters Document under the heading 'The World.'</p> <p>What does this look like is the Foundation Stage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We learn about families – children, parents, grandparents – and relate to the past, eg parents were once babies, then children etc. • We learn vocabulary that helps them to talk about the past, present and future such as yesterday, today, tomorrow, last week, this week, next week, last year, this year, next year, a long time ago. • We listen to stories that are set in the past. • We compare things in the past and now, linked to our enquiry (eg toys, stories, clothing etc). • We learn the names of some significant people from the past, such as Guy Fawkes. 		
CLASS 2 Y1/Y2	BONFIRE NIGHT AND THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON	HOLIDAYS	OUR LOCAL HEROES
CLASS 3 Y3/Y4	THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS	ROMAN BRITAIN	CRIME AND PUNISHMENT
CLASS 5 Y5/Y6	THE IMPACT OF WAR	THE VIKINGS	JOURNEYS