



History Curriculum at Woodford Church of England Primary School

Intent

At Woodford Church of England Primary School, we believe that high-quality history lessons inspire children to want to know more about the past and to think and act as historians. By linking learning to a range of topics, children have opportunities to investigate and interpret the past, understand chronology, build an overview of Britain's past as well as that of the wider world, and to be able to communicate historically.

We develop children with the following essential characteristics to help them become historians:

- An excellent knowledge and understanding of people, events and contexts from a range of historical periods, including significant events in Britain's past;
- The ability to think critically about history and communicate ideas confidently to a range of audiences;
- The ability to support, evaluate and challenge their own and others' views using historical evidence from a range of sources;
- The ability to think, reflect, debate, discuss and evaluate the past by formulating and refining questions and lines of enquiry;
- A respect for historical evidence and the ability to make critical use of it to support their learning;
- A desire to embrace challenging activities, including opportunities to undertake high-quality research across a range of history topics;
- A developing sense of curiosity about the past and how and why people interpret the past in different ways.

Implementation

As a school with mixed year groups, the history curriculum is taught on a two year cycle to ensure each Key Stage has complete coverage of the curriculum. As part of this planning process, teachers need to plan the following:

- A cycle of lessons for each subject, which carefully plans for progression and depth;
- Challenge questions for pupils to apply their learning in a philosophical/open manner;
- Termly assessment on topic to check knowledge understanding;
- Trips and visiting experts who will enhance the learning experience;

Impact

At Woodford Church of England Primary School, our History Curriculum is high quality, well thought out and is planned to demonstrate progression. The outcomes in topic books evidence a broad and balanced history curriculum and demonstrate the children's acquisition of identified key knowledge. Children record what they have learned comparative to their starting points at the end of every topic. Emphasis is placed on analytical thinking and questioning which helps pupils gain a coherent knowledge and understanding of Britain's past and that of the wider world and are curious to know more about the past. Through this study pupils learn to ask perceptive questions, think critically, weigh evidence and develop perspective and judgement.