



HISTORY AT ST. LAWRENCE'S

At St. Lawrence's Primary School, History forms an important part of the curriculum. We believe nurturing and developing the children's curiosity about the past helps to support their understanding of both the present and future.

History at St Lawrence's involves the study of a range of different historical periods, eras and civilisations and encompasses historical study of the local area, Britain and the wider world. Through History, we encourage children to think deeply, question sources of evidence and arrive at judgements about events in the past.

INTENT:

The intent of History teaching at St. Lawrence's is to equip children with a strong knowledge about the past and a rich vocabulary to support their understanding. Through History, we aim to inspire children to ask questions and think critically about key events of the past and consider the impacts of such events in the present.

At St Lawrence's, engaging teaching ensures that children:

- Develop a curiosity about past events, both in Britain and the wider world, and how they have impacted on one another.
- Understand the complexity of the lives of people in the past, how lives have changed over time and how this impacts on our lives today.
- Challenge and use sources of evidence to support judgements or refute ideas about past events.
- Understand the chronology of British and World History and use a range of terms to describe chronology.

IMPLEMENTATION:

We teach History through engaging and thought-provoking lessons, which consistently build upon, and are tailored, to the prior knowledge of the children and learning in previous year groups. We give children unique learning experiences and memorable opportunities to explore the past, through educational trips and visitors to school. An example of this is regular visits from The History Bloke, who offers an immersive experience into a number of different time periods, through exploration of a range of artefacts and role-play activities.

IMPACT:

By the time the children leave St. Lawrence's, they will be will equipped with a strong knowledge of History, as well as a range of key skills to approach and question what they understand about the past. They will be confident in their own abilities to assess the reliability of sources of evidence, think critically about questions they are posed and arrive at judgements about key events in history.