

History

Intent

At Westcott Primary, our history vision is to:

- Give children a long-lasting love and passion for history by providing knowledge, developing understanding of concepts and making links.
- To inspire pupils' curiosity to know more about the past and give children a good understanding of chronology.
- To understand how and why the world, our country, culture and locality have developed over time.
- To enable children to understand how the past influences the present and why it is relevant to their own lives.

Implementation

- We implement a curriculum that is progressive throughout the whole school based on a two year cycle.
- Key knowledge and skills have been mapped to ensure progression between each phase within the school.
- Lessons include historical enquiry and pupils are encouraged to evaluate sources to develop skills of analysis, interpretation and problem solving.
- Careful consideration is given to all planning to ensure that the needs of all children are met and so that all children have the same access to an inspiring and motivational history curriculum.

Impact

Our history curriculum will enable pupils to:

- Investigate how and when things happen and how they may be linked.
- Understand that people interpret the past differently.
- Make use of a variety of sources to find out about the past.
- Communicate their ideas with clarity and independence.

At Westcott Primary, the children say that History is... " a way of exploring the past that helps us to guide our future."

Our historians

At Westcott Primary, our goal is for children to develop a keen passion for history and to be able to 'think' like an historian. Children will gain a sound understanding of key British and world events through time and develop a greater understanding of the chronology of the history that has shaped the world we live in. Children will be provided with crucial historical skills in order to further develop their understanding of history and to enable them to apply these skills to the subject and the wider curriculum. Through this process, children will gain a thorough understanding of how the past has influenced and shaped the world we live in today.

The Sequence

The sequences of learning have been developed in order to expose children to a rich and varied history curriculum which is built on and revisited throughout their journey at Westcott Primary. We address four main historical concepts and these are carefully woven into our learning allowing children to compare and contrast different historical periods and to further develop the historical skills taught.

The Learning

History at Westcott is formed around enquiry based learning. History is taught through historical topics which focus on local, British and wider world history. The key concepts are taught throughout our sequences and develop as children progress at Westcott. Children have the opportunity to develop a strong ability to use key historical skills and link these with the historical subject knowledge taught. They will use historical sources to form their own questions and infer information about the past. Learning is assessed through a variety of final outcomes which answer the enquiry question posed. School visits and invited experts are used when possible to enhance the learning experience.

The Teaching

Our curriculum has been designed in such a way to allow for the deepening of knowledge about topics taught across the wider curriculum. The teaching of history also places an emphasis on historical skills, such as inference, chronology and questioning which are able to support and further understanding in other subject areas. Work is tailored to our individual children's needs and is delivered and designed in a way to enable access to the history curriculum by all.