

Intent

Curriculum Vision

Our curriculum vision underpins the importance of teaching history at Whitecote. We believe that history will help children:

...understand how to learn about the past, why it is important, the significant events and people that have shaped world history, and how it affects us now. History allows us to understand the lives of people at different times, so that we can make better judgements about their actions.



Historical-Enquiry Skills

Historical-enquiry skills allow children to learn new historical knowledge. Our key historical-enquiry skills are:

- Making **predictions**
- Asking **questions**
- **Ordering** events
- **Researching** answers
- Making **connections**
- **Debating** ideas
- **Describing, comparing, and contrasting**
- **Analysing, empathising, and interpreting**
- **Presenting**

Implementation

Subject Coverage

We cover the following history topics at Whitecote Primary:

Nursery: How have I changed?

Reception: Toys (Old and New), Leeds in the Past and Now

Year 1: Me and My Family Tree, Incredible Inventors, Grace Darling, Victorian Holidays

Year 2: Great Fire of London, Gunpowder Plot, Explorers such as Ernest Shackleton

Year 3: Stone Age to Iron Age, Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece

Year 4: Romans in Britain, Anglo-Saxons, Ancient Mayans

Year 5: Vikings, Changing British Monarchy

Year 6: Industrial Revolution, World War II, Post WWII British History

Our history is taught in order of time from Key Stage 2 onwards to help children understand about chronology.



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Key Historical Knowledge

By using our historical-enquiry skills, children are able to acquire more knowledge and understanding of the core concepts.

We send home knowledge organisers in history for parents to help their children learn the minimum knowledge needed to understand each unit of work.

Learning Sequence

We teach history in a sequence to allow children to learn about the subject.

This teaching sequence allows children to use their historical-enquiry skills to develop key knowledge and develop understanding of the subject concepts.

Our teaching sequence means that all learning builds to an end point in a logical way that is carefully designed for children to know more, do more and understand more.

Supporting at Home

As well as helping children learn the knowledge on their knowledge organisers, we also send out project homework for a range of curriculum subjects.

Helping children with this homework is a great way to help them learn more and know more in history.

Here is a list of a few more things that you can do to help your child in history:

- Access the 2-minute historian podcasts on the class pages
- Visit Leeds City Museum
- Visit Leeds Royal Armouries
- Visit a different history museums
- Watch historical documentaries on TV
- Photograph or draw local historical buildings
- Explore websites such as BBC Bitesize

If you have any questions about how history is taught in school, then please speak to a member of our team.



“How We Teach...” Series

Our ‘How We Teach...’ pamphlets support parents’ understanding of how we teach our curriculum at Whitecote Primary School. They also give parents ideas of how to support their children in each subject area.



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How We Teach...



History



Parent Pamphlet