



# History

## Intent

At Burford School, it is our intention to ignite the children's curiosity about the past in Britain and that of the wider world. We will inspire the children to think and act as historians, ensuring the development of historical concepts, knowledge and skills, whilst studying inspiring topics about life in the past. Alongside this, we focus on the development of specific historical skills. We intend to equip pupils with the skills to be able to ask pertinent questions about the past, analyse evidence, think critically, appreciate different perspectives and develop informed judgements.

## Implementation

Through a topic-based approach and hands on experience we strive to develop the children's historical knowledge, sense of chronology (using our school display timeline) and understanding of how events in the past have influenced our lives today. We implement a History curriculum that is progressive throughout the whole school: fulfilling the requirements of the National Curriculum, whenever possible, creating cross-curricular links.

The children will have the opportunity to not just read about the past, but to live it, through fun, daylong workshops or school trips. They will be inspired through crafts, drama and role-play to immerse themselves in history; whether it's an Egyptian Day, Florence Nightingale Day or off-site trips. By linking learning to a range of fun and interesting topics, inviting guest speakers or being able to handle and have respect for artefacts, the children will have opportunities to investigate and interpret the past. They will have the ability to evaluate and challenge their own and others' views, communicating their ideas confidently to a range of audiences and the opportunity to use a range of primary and secondary sources, as historical evidence to support their arguments. This will encourage a developing sense of curiosity about the past, how and why people interpret the past in different ways and also a desire to embrace challenging activities, including opportunities to undertake research across a range of history topics.

## Impact

Children will know more, remember more and understand more about History. The children will be equipped with the key historical skills to be able to communicate and think critically. As historians children will learn lessons from history to influence the decisions they make in their lives in the future.