

Intent

At Beechwood Primary School, our history curriculum aims to inspire our pupils' curiosity to know more about the past. History helps pupils to understand the process of change, the diversity of societies as well as their own identity and the challenges of their time. Our history curriculum will equip the children to ask perceptive questions, think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments and develop perspective and judgment. Our progressive programme of study encourages children to build upon prior knowledge. Every child is provided with enrichment through experiences to educate and enjoy history.

Each history topic has a variety of quality texts to read alongside the subject, encouraging children to apply what they have learnt and to see things in a variety of contexts. Primary and secondary sources of evidence are used to develop research skills and children develop an understanding of historical periods through use of a timeline.

Each topic starts with a pre-learning task, allowing staff to see what children already know, what they are interested to learn and what misconceptions they have. Activities are then planned, weaving the RESPECT values throughout each session. Learning Challenges are introduced in most sessions, encouraging children to take an active role in their learning, but also to help learning becoming sticky!

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 1	Toys Why are iPads more fun than my grandparents' old toys?		The Great Fire of London Why did the Great Fire of London happen?
Year 2	Victorians What do we know about the Victorians and the way they lived?		Seaside Why do we love to be beside the seaside?
Year 3	Stone and Bronze Age Who first lived in Britain?	Ancient Greeks What did the Greeks ever do for us?	
Year 4	Ancient Egyptians Were the Egyptians more advanced than we are?		Romans Who were the Romans and what did we learn from them?
Year 5	Anglo-Saxons Who Were the Anglo-Saxons?	Vikings Were the Vikings always Victorious and Vicious?	
Year 6	British Slave Trade Why should Britain be ashamed of slavery?	Golden Age Why was the Islamic Civilization (around 900AD) known as the Golden Age?	WWII How did World War II affect life in Britain?