

History Vision:

The aim of History teaching at Cranbrook Primary is to provide a high-quality history education enabling pupils to have the knowledge and understanding of Britain's past and that of the wider world. History helps pupils to understand the complexity of people's lives, the process of change, the diversity of societies and relationships between different groups, as well as their own identity and the challenges of their time.

Through our curriculum children are confident in asking questions, researching evidence, drawing conclusions and communicating findings, which will allow them to become independent, life-long learners with confidence and curiosity. They are taught in-depth the fundamental knowledge that will act as a firm foundation for future learning as they advance through their life.

We understand our responsibility in preparing children for their next stage of education and for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life, laying the foundations so that they can take their place successfully in modern British society. We understand how History has an underpinning link to British values.

We ensure that our curriculum links within and across key stages, as well as across all subjects, so that we support the children's deep understanding of significant periods in history and how they connect with events in other parts of the world that occurred simultaneously. At all times we are challenging the children to draw on their earlier learning, making comparisons and contrasts with new learning, which acts to embed the learning to a deeper level. We want the children to be able to make key links between historical periods, such as the Egyptians and Romans, and form a coherent understanding of how the world was and continues to be connected. They will be able to understand and discuss complex issues as well as more abstract ideas. The children are expected to question what they are exposed to, challenge and debate it. Closer to home the children will be learning about key significant events that have shaped the UK and made it the diverse place that it is today. As part of our responsibility to the children, our curriculum also advances their understanding in the current issues that face the world they live in, creating politically engaged and well-informed young people.

Our history curriculum also offers the children experiences that they might not ordinarily have exposure to thus expanding their cultural capital. We provide all children access to interesting and varied educational visits that broaden their minds. Furthermore, our curriculum allows them to explore the world from the classroom, using high-quality teaching and the latest technology, bringing significant historical periods and events to life in front of them to enhance their learning. Alongside this, we also ensure the children learn through practical, hands-on experiences with resources and artefacts that inspire deeper understanding of the past. Our aim is to develop confident and inquisitive young people, who are able to present their extensive learning in a variety of ways. We also aim to provide opportunities and support for the most vulnerable children in the school hence narrowing the gap.