

History Intent, Implementation and Impact

History

At **St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School**, we believe that a high-quality history education inspires curiosity about the past and helps children to understand the world in which they live today. Our History curriculum enables children to gain knowledge of Britain's past and the wider world, while developing the skills needed to think critically, ask meaningful questions and make sense of historical evidence. Rooted in our Catholic values, history teaching at St Cuthbert's supports children in developing a sense of identity, respect and understanding of different cultures and societies.

Intent

Our intent is to provide children with a coherent, engaging and well-sequenced history curriculum that builds progressively across the school. We aim for pupils to develop a secure chronological understanding of British history while also learning about significant historical periods and civilisations from around the world. Children are encouraged to ask questions about the past, explore a range of historical sources and consider how people's lives have changed over time. Through this, pupils learn to compare past and present societies and develop an understanding of key historical concepts such as significance, continuity and change, cause and consequence, similarity and difference, and evidence.

Implementation

History is taught as a discrete subject through half-termly units, allowing pupils to develop depth of knowledge and understanding. The curriculum has been carefully planned to ensure progression of both knowledge and skills, with topics taught in a broadly chronological order where possible. In **Key Stage 2 as a whole**, pupils build on earlier learning by studying a wider range of British and world history, developing more sophisticated historical enquiry skills and applying their understanding across increasingly complex contexts.

Teachers use enquiry-based lessons, high-quality resources and a range of historical sources, including artefacts, images, texts and digital media. Learning opportunities are enhanced through visits, visitors and links to the local community. Key concepts are revisited

regularly to strengthen long-term understanding, and lessons are adapted where necessary to ensure all pupils can access the curriculum.

Impact

Our history curriculum is designed to be memorable, meaningful and engaging. Pupils develop a love of learning about the past and show curiosity and enthusiasm in their history lessons. They are able to recall key knowledge, use historical vocabulary accurately and explain how events and themes are connected over time. Assessment is ongoing, with regular opportunities for pupils to reflect on prior learning, revisit key knowledge and demonstrate understanding at the end of each unit. As a result, children leave St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School with a secure foundation in history and the skills needed for future learning.

