



# Bishop Pursglove CE Primary School

## **History Curriculum Statement**

### **Intent**

History has always been held in high regard at Bishop Pursglove Primary School, with the school's own rich history within the context of the local area a celebrated and inspiring feature of the school. The history curriculum at Bishop Pursglove Primary School makes full use resources within the immediate and wider local area enabling children to develop a deep understanding of the rich history of their locality.

Topics are informed by the national curriculum and are sensitive to children's interests, as well as the context of the local area. The history curriculum at Bishop Pursglove Primary School is carefully planned and structured to ensure that current learning is linked to previous learning and that the school's approaches are informed by current pedagogy. In line with the National Curriculum 2014, the curriculum at Bishop Pursglove Primary School aims to ensure that all pupils:

- Gain a coherent knowledge and understanding of Britain's past and that of the wider world, which helps to stimulate pupils' curiosity to know more about the past.
- Are encouraged to ask perceptive questions, think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments, and develop perspective and judgement.
- Begin 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.

### **Implementation**

History is taught in blocks throughout the year, so that children achieve depth in their learning. Teachers have identified the key knowledge and skills of each topic and consideration has been given to ensure progression across topics throughout each year group across the school.

By the end of Year 6, children will have a chronological understanding of British history from the Stone Age to the present day. They are able to draw comparisons and make connections between different time periods and their own lives. Interlinked with this are studies of world history, such as the ancient civilisations of Greece and China. Cross curricular outcomes in history are specifically planned for, with strong links between the history curriculum and morning English lessons - enabling further contextual learning. The local area is also fully utilised to achieve the desired outcomes, with extensive opportunities for learning outside the classroom embedded in practice. Planning is informed by and aligned with the National Curriculum. Staff use Cornerstones Maestro 'Knowledge Rich' planning and resources. Furthermore, In Years 1-6, Subject Knowledge Organisers for each topic unit are accessible on pupils' desks, in order for children to use for support during lessons and to enable them to refer back to and makes links with their previous learning.

Consideration is also given to how greater depth will be taught, learnt and demonstrated within each lesson, as well as how learners will be supported in line with the school's commitment to inclusion. Outcomes of work are regularly monitored to ensure that they reflect a sound understanding of the key identified knowledge. Within our knowledge-rich approach, there is also a strong emphasis on people and the community of our local area. The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) follows the 'Development Matters 2021 in the EYFS' guidance which aims for all children in reception to have an 'Understanding of the World.

### **Impact**

Outcomes in Writing books, evidence a broad and balanced history curriculum and demonstrate the children's acquisition of identified key knowledge. Children review the agreed successes at the end of every session and are actively encouraged to identify their own target areas, with support from their teachers. Children also record what they have learnt comparative to their starting points at the end of every topic unit. Emphasis is placed on analytical thinking and questioning, which helps pupils gain a coherent knowledge and understanding of Britain's past and that of the wider world. This also promotes a curiosity to know more about the past. Through this study, pupils also learn to ask perceptive questions, think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments, and develop perspective and judgement.