



History



At the Buriton Primary School, we help our pupils to gain a coherent knowledge and understanding of Britain's past and that of the wider world. We foster children's curiosity to know more about the past and equip them to ask perceptive questions, think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments, and develop perspective and judgement. History helps our children 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

Our pupils learn key facts and concepts alongside skills such as chronology, characteristic features, continuity and change, cause and consequence, historical significance, historical interpretation and historical enquiry.

- Diamonds Class cover historical topics such as Toys, the lives of significant individuals such as Mary Anning and dinosaur fossils.
- Sapphires Class cover periods in history such as The Stone and Iron Age, Roman Britain, The Great Fire of London, Titanic
- Pearls Class cover the Anglo Saxons, Ancient Egyptians, Ancient Greece.
- Emeralds Class cover The Maya Civilization and Crime and Punishment (which interconnects social history from Anglo Saxons to the present).

Our children's historical learning in Key Stage One starts with the familiar: their own pasts and those of their families through toys. Visitors and a trip to toy museum provide first hand experiences and allow our children to explore these for themselves. Links are made with our science curriculum by comparing and contrasting materials used for toys, 'then and now'. They explore the role of key historical figures and as our pupils' learning travels further back in time, History is brought to life through making houses in the Great Fire of London topic in Sapphires and trips to The Weald and Downland Open-air Museum. These experiences help to fire the pupil's imaginations and enable them to understand how history has impacted on life today.

In Key Stage Two, the story of Britain is interwoven with studies of ancient civilizations. Our pupils explore concepts of migration, empire, civilization, continuity and change, cause and consequence, similarity, difference and significance. Immersive role-play experiences within with educational visits to Butser Ancient Farm develop children's understanding of life in Britain in different eras. Studies of ancient civilizations of Anglo Saxons, Rome and Egypt are supported by 'Topic' days. In Year 6, all of their historical knowledge and understanding is combined and secured in the Crime and Punishment topic when they visit the Houses of Parliament the Clink Museum in London.

Impact

When children leave Buriton Primary their learning in history will have equipped them with knowledge of a broad period of local, British and world history, together with an excellent range of historical skills. As they have progressed, their growing historical knowledge will have helped them to understand connections, contrasts and trends over time. They should have gained an understanding of how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.