

History at St John's

Intent

Our curriculum intent for History reflects the purpose and aims of the national curriculum by helping our pupils to develop an understanding of the past and reasons for peoples' actions. It inspires them to develop their curiosity about life in the past and how it relates to their lives today. The curriculum breadth is adapted to the context of our school by ensuring delivery of a quality curriculum which allows for deeper understanding of the subject matter whilst supporting those pupils with SEND to access the learning. It develops' pupils understanding of fundamental British values and spiritual, moral, social cultural development by examining events from the past and reflecting on how these impact on our lives today. The curriculum is sequenced in long and medium term plans to help pupils build cumulative knowledge towards agreed milestones or expected standards The most important subject content is organised through threshold concepts which organise new knowledge systematically and ensure a logical progression. The curriculum design helps pupils to read widely by using historical texts and first-hand accounts of events studied and broaden their vocabulary by close examination of tier 2 and 3 subject specific vocabulary; and by looking at common themes such as civilisation across the breadth of the curriculum.