

Welcome to History!



What is History?

History is about what happened in the past. It's about people, what they did, why they did it, what they thought and how they felt.

To enjoy History you need to have a good imagination to imagine what life was like long ago and what it may have been like to be involved in past events



Why study History?

Our history lessons will help you to understand how, why and when things have changed over time. For example today in this country, we have Parliament, elections, law courts, education and health care for all. We still have the monarchy... but they don't have as much power as kings and queens used to have! Our lessons will therefore help you to understand our world and country today, taking you on a journey of discovery....



We will also get you thinking! You will use evidence to piece together the past and develop your own understanding and interpretations. Evidence won't always agree, you will need to think of or investigate reasons why, explain these and reach your own judgments. You may not always agree with your classmates or teacher - you just need to back up your opinion with reasons and evidence!



Apart from being VERY interesting, history is useful for a whole host of different careers, and life too! History teaches vital tools that employers want. The evidence and opinions that you learn to handle and make informed decisions with will help you to see more than one point of view, what motivates people, their thoughts and their feelings. You will understand that people see things differently. You will be able to find and read different types of information and you will be able to communicate your ideas and thoughts clearly, both verbally and in writing; vital for making arguments or presentations. In today's internet-based, information overloaded world, employers really appreciate someone who can sift through the evidence to find the vital information – a skill that history is very well placed to help you develop.



History is a highly desirable qualification for journalism, law, politics, accountancy, media, teaching, museums, libraries, archaeology, army, police work and even medicine. History can also help open doors to other careers, such as Town Planning, Charity Work, Tourism.



History is for everybody! It is about understanding the people of the past and the impact they made. History has had a big impact on our world and the paths each of us has chosen. Have you ever wondered why the place you live looks the way it does, why you use computers or wear make-up? Or why you do some of the things you do? History can help you to answer these questions...

