

TANKERSLEY C of E (A) PRIMARY SCHOOL

HISTORY POLICY



“A love of learning in a Christian environment”

We aim high and have self-belief

We have community spirit

We are enterprising

We have enquiring minds

We are respectful

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At Tankersley our vision is to promote: 'A love of learning developed in a Christian environment' including our aims of - aiming high & self-belief, community spirit, enterprise, enquiry and respect for others. These aims underpin development of the history curriculum.

Intent

In our history teaching we stimulate the children's interest and understanding about the life of people who lived in the past and the knowledge about key facts in history and time periods. Using an enquiry approach children are encouraged to ask questions and develop a sense of chronology. The children will learn to value their own and other people's cultures in modern multicultural Britain and, by considering how people lived in the past, they become respectful citizens. Through regular retrieval practice, children retain knowledge from current and previous learning.

We intend

- To give children an opportunity to develop an awareness of the past.
- To give children a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British and local history and how different people and the wider world has shaped Britain.
- To give children a knowledge and understanding of significant aspects of the history of the wider world
- To enable children to develop a chronological framework by making links between different periods – ALL CLASSES HAVE TIMELINES and make links with these
- To give children an opportunity to investigate local history (e.g. Mining)
- To develop skills in learning about the past from a range of sources of information and to be able to make informed choices about those sources.
- To develop a 'historical' vocabulary using our Victor Vocabulary boards
- To develop skills of presenting historical information in a variety of ways.
- To give children plenty of opportunities to answer and sometimes devise historically valid questions.

Implementation

History is taught through a variety of thematic topics, which provide KS1 and KS2 pupils with the opportunity to develop the knowledge and skills outlined in the 2014 National Curriculum Programme of Study. In addition to providing variety, our curriculum is progressive in that it allows pupils to build on previous key concepts and skills. Our progression document outlines how historical skills and concepts are taught progressively.

In all the thematic topics, skills and understanding stated in the Programmes of Study are developed. Progression is through

1. The level of difficulty with which the material in the study unit is presented.
2. The level at which knowledge, skills and understanding are developed.

Differentiation within classes may be by the task set, but more often by the level of support and teacher expectation of outcome. Staff will use an enquiry approach to challenge more-able children

We teach history in our EYFS classes as an integral part of the topic work covered during the year. History makes a significant contribution to the development matters objectives of developing a child's knowledge

and understanding of the world. Activities such as dressing up in historical costumes, looking at pictures of famous people in history or discovering the meaning of new and old in relation to their own lives.

Cross Curricular links

Through work in history the following aspects of other curriculum areas are also developed:

English:	Speaking and listening skills including discussion and drama in role. Development of vocabulary. Research skills – finding and presenting information in a variety of ways e.g. reports, explanations and discussions.
Mathematics:	Time measurement, calculation, vocabulary and chronology. Time
Science:	Development of Scientific ideas.
D.T.:	Development of technological innovation
Geography:	Development of understanding of how geographical features effect historical developments e.g. River Nile. Development of understanding of location of different places and relationship to own country.
Art:	Arts and crafts from periods studied and depicting periods studied.
RE:	Development of religious beliefs and practices of people in periods studied.
PE:	Games and dances in periods studied.
Computing:	Computing is used to research information. It is used to present information about periods studied (texts, tables, images, graphs) and to locate and present information from databases.
Music:	Listening to, and discussing music from periods studied.

Equal opportunities and inclusion

We ensure equal access for all children to the curriculum. Staff will plan activities so that all pupils are able to develop their knowledge, skills and understanding in the subject. This may include adapting teaching, objective outcomes and content in the lessons to suit different learning styles and abilities. Our curriculum will meet the current learners in the cohort and adaptations are made where necessary. Accessibility to the curriculum is always prioritised - visual aids, scaffolding, specialist equipment and other learning prompts are planned in where needed.

We recognise that children have a wide range of abilities and ensure that we provide suitable learning opportunities for all children by matching the challenge of the task to the ability of the child. We achieve this in a variety of ways:

- setting tasks which are open-ended and can have a variety of responses
- setting tasks of increasing difficulty (we do not expect all children to complete all tasks)
- sometimes grouping children by ability and setting different tasks for each ability group

- providing resources of different complexity, matched to the ability of the child
- using resources and aids to support the work of individual children or groups of children

Impact and Assessment, Recording and Reporting

At Tankersley feedback and assessment for learning (AFL) is integrated into all parts of the teaching and learning process. Summative assessment in history is carried out at the end of each unit of work.

Assessment provides teachers and pupils with the knowledge of what has been learnt and address any gaps in learning – knowledge and skills. Assessments are used for reporting to parents at the end of the school year and to update NC individual records.

Developing and Monitoring and Subject in the Spotlight

As part of the school's drive to ensure all subjects are given equal status and to provide a broad and balanced curriculum the school has a 3-year subject overview as part of the **Subject in the spotlight**. This involves each subject lead developing a 3-year action plan for their subject area and monitoring the subject across school through work scrutiny, developing policy, keeping a portfolio of subject progression and celebration in the subject as well as dedicated time for whole school display.

History is developed and monitored through: staff development and training, book and work scrutiny, lesson observations, learning walks and paired enquiry. These are carried out by the Senior Leadership Team and subject lead.