



Heron Cross Primary School

History 2025-26

Intent:

At Heron Cross primary school, our aim is to create knowledgeable historians, who can transfer their skills and be ready for the challenge of the secondary school curriculum regardless of background and ability.

Our history curriculum encompasses a range of skills, where children apply age appropriate activities to promote every opportunity for historical enquiry. Children will be given a voice through discussion, will learn to critically question, explore different types of evidence and make informed judgements, including proving or disproving historical theories. We want our children to have the skill set to challenge the origin of information, both for the then and the now, which is an important life skill. Children will develop their substantive knowledge, by immersive learning which then leads on to an understanding of chronology and second order concepts. Children will then consider how history has changed and impacted on our lives today, discuss similarities and differences between places, people and groups in the past through consideration of primary and secondary sources. For example, how the Roman invasion has left a lasting legacy on Britain today.

Children at Heron Cross Primary will plan their own amphitheatres, hand out punishments in the Viking courts and become ancient Greeks. This will be achieved through role play, enquiry and research of historical sources. These are just some of the approaches and topics used to provide opportunities for enriched learning of our history curriculum. Many of our history topics will have cross curriculum links, for example, children will study the physical features of Greece using their geography skills and how this shaped the states of ancient Greece.

Further enrichment is provided by special themed days and workshops, linked to areas of study, held in school and numerous external school trips. For example, Year 3 will be exploring caves and stepping 'into the shoes' of Stone Age man. Year 1 will be visiting Brampton Toy museum to embed and enrich their learning. Our Year 4 will be visiting historic York for their residential. The history curriculum at Heron Cross primary will be shaped based on children's interests, the guidance from the National Curriculum and how well children are progressing against these objectives.