

# History Overview



Portsmouth Primary School aims to foster creativity through history within the classroom. All children are encouraged and supported to develop historical enquiry skills that allow them to gain a deeper understanding of the past and present world around them. We are dedicated to giving the children exciting opportunities to learn about the past, whether this be through trips and visits, visitors or within the classroom!

History is a subject that helps us understand our society and how things have developed and changed throughout the years. It gives children the opportunity to assess evidence and make informed decisions about the past and what might have happened. Children will explore a range of historical sources such as artefacts, images and texts and become historians within the classroom by uncovering the truth of the past.

The aims of history are:

- To enable children to develop a range of skills such as
  - o Chronology
  - o Change and continuity
  - o Cause and consequence
  - o Similarities and differences
  - o Interpreting historical sources
  - o Significance
  - o Thinking critically
- To develop a coherent and chronological understanding of British History and the wider world.
- To increase awareness of the past and how it has shaped our society today.
- To foster an enjoyment and appreciation for history and different cultures.
- To enable children to enjoy history from a range of primary and secondary sources.

Our History overview and aims above complements the aims set out in the History programmes of study: key stage 1 and 2, it also links to the EYFS curriculum section of 'Understanding the world' (see links below)

National curriculum -

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