



One Community, Many Cultures; Growing
and Learning Together

Curriculum Overview

History



At Gosford Park we have designed a curriculum for our community that aims to equip them with the tools they need to succeed in the next stage of their development, whilst nurturing curious learners who are responsible members of the local, national and global community.

Intent

History is taught in an engaging and purposeful way at Gosford Park Primary School, where pupils learn by linking new knowledge and skills to those previously learned. Our curriculum includes study of the local area and how the past has impacted the area in which we live. Pupils have the opportunity to study artefacts and other historical sources; asking questions and interpreting what they find.

Throughout their time with us, the pupils will revisit our key knowledge threads as part of each history topic: Cause and Consequence; Legacy and Achievement; Similarities and Differences; and Society and Culture. Alongside chronological understanding, these key threads enable the children to learn not only key facts, but the impact of historical events, leaders and civilisations.

[LTP with Science and Geography](#)

Implementation

History is taught in Early Years as an integral part of topic work, through child initiated and adult led activities. The children are given the opportunity to find out about past and present events in their own lives, and those of their families and other people they know. In the Foundation Stage, history makes a significant contribution to developing a child's understanding of the world through activities such as looking at pictures of famous people in history or discovering the meaning of new and old in relation to their own lives.

The order of historical units through Key Stage 1 and 2 has been chosen based on pupils' understanding, engagement and age-appropriate content. This means we are able to develop the children's chronological understanding as well being mindful of their ability to understand complex ideas. Teachers plan well sequenced lessons that progressively build understanding over time. Progression documents for both skills and knowledge ensure that our pupils are challenged to achieve the best outcomes.

Where appropriate, cross-curricular links are made with other subjects to reinforce and enhance pupils' historical skills. These include, but are not limited to, the use of stories, reading reports, writing as a character from the past in English, interpreting data in maths, locating places in geography and listening to music from other ages.

[Skills Progression](#)

Impact

Retrieval practice is a key feature of history lessons at Gosford Park; encouraging pupils to know more and remember more. This frequent reference to previous knowledge ensures that pupils identify links to previous learning and build upon existing skills.

With a focus on vocabulary and enquiry skills, pupils develop their historical understanding and reasoning, resulting in a better understanding of the world around them.

Due to an enriched curriculum, delivered by confident teachers through engaging and inspiring lessons, children at Gosford Park acquire the skills and knowledge needed to think and act like historians. Children understand the importance of history, confidently develop their own lines of historical enquiry and as a result, enthusiastically investigate and draw their own conclusions.

Enrichment

Over their time with us at Gosford Park, pupils are given the opportunity to visit historical sites of interest, including Warwick Castle, Lunt Roman Fort, the Black Country Living Museum and the Tower of London. Our curriculum also develops the pupils' knowledge of our local area, including the development of the transport industry in Coventry, the legacy of the Roman invasion on our surrounding area and the impact of the Blitz in Coventry.

Are you a keen historian?

Here are a few local sites where you can discover more about the history of Coventry and the surrounding areas.

- [Coventry Transport Museum \(transport-museum.com\)](http://transport-museum.com)
- [Home - The Herbert Art Gallery & Museum](#)
- [Kenilworth Castle and Elizabethan Garden | English Heritage \(english-heritage.org.uk\)](http://english-heritage.org.uk)
- [Lunt Roman Fort](#)