

What is History?

History is one of the three humanities subjects, the other two being Geography and Religious Education.

Foundation Stage:

The teaching of History fits in to the curriculum area of Knowledge and Understanding. It is based on experience, as children are taught about their own personal histories. They learn about their own community and practice skills of observation and enquiry.

Key Stage 1:

History is often taught through cross-curricular activities as well as specific history teaching. Children are given opportunities to learn in a hands-on, interactive manner which often involves the use of artefacts. Special days and off-site trips help to engage children in their learning and promote a positive view of the subject.

The Importance of History

History teaching ensures that children gain an understanding of Britain's past and that of the wider world. History helps pupils understand the lives of other people and how events from the past have shaped the present day. It also allows children to build a chronological framework, using common words and phrases related to the passing of time. An understanding of the past allows children to appreciate the diversity of human experience and understand more about themselves as individuals. History provides children with a number of valuable skills, such as asking perceptive questions, thinking critically, weighing evidence and developing perspective.



The History Curriculum

At Summerhill Infant School pupils learn how the past is different to the present. They find out about significant events and people from both the recent and more distant past. They learn about British events and those from the wider world, in order to understand how such events shaped the present day.

Here is a brief overview of the History topics explored at Summerhill Infant School:

Reception:

- Changes over time – Ourselves and animals

Year 1:

- Toys in the past
- Life in a Medieval castle.

Year 2:

- My personal history
- Victorian Bristol and the life of Isambard Kingdom Brunel.
- The History of Flight

Throughout the year, pupils from all Year Groups also have the opportunity commemorate a range of notable historical events through whole school encounter days. In the past these have included Red, White and Blue Day (WW1), Victorian School Day and May Day celebrations.

How can you help?

History is a very exciting topic that can be explored in the local area and even in your own home!

Here are some ways in which you can support your child when learning about History in a real life hands on context:

- Borrow some exciting History books from the library.
- When out and about talk about the different houses and buildings.
- Visit the free museums in Bristol.
- Try to find pictures of your street /family in the past. Discuss how life was different then to how it is now?



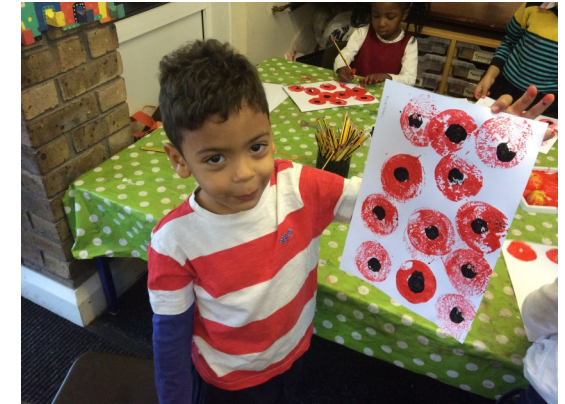
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This leaflet aims to give you a brief overview of History at Summerhill Infant School