

At Windmill Hill Academy, we inspire pupils to be passionate lifelong learners by providing them with an ambitious broad and balanced curriculum, with the inclusion of a variety of enrichments, which will inspire them to have high aspirations. We inspire all learners to have strong desire to know or learn something and questioning their learning experiences to find out more. Throughout each year group and across the curriculum, pupils will make sustained progress, develop excellent knowledge, understanding and skills, regardless of their different starting points and backgrounds.

Subject	History
Overall curriculum	<p><i>Making comparisons while learning about, and from. changes over time.</i></p> <p>A high-quality history education will help pupils gain a coherent knowledge and understanding of Britain's past and that of the wider world. It should inspire pupils' curiosity to know more about the past.</p> <p>Teaching should equip pupils to ask perceptive questions, think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments, and develop perspective and judgement.</p> <p>History helps pupils to understand the complexity of people's lives, the process of change, the diversity of societies and relationships between different groups, as well as their own identity and the challenges of their time.</p>
Pedagogy	<p>Our high-quality history curriculum help pupils gain a coherent knowledge and understanding of Britain's past and that of the wider world. It inspires pupils' curiosity to know more about the past.</p> <p>Teaching equips pupils to ask perceptive questions, think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments, and develop perspective and judgement.</p> <p>Our history curriculum helps pupils to understand the complexity of people's lives, the process of change, the diversity of societies and relationships between different groups, as well as their own identity and the challenges of their time.</p> <p>Our carefully planned history curriculum, which is based on the Collins scheme written by David Weatherly, provides the opportunity for pupils to review, revisit and develop their learning of a particular learning connect. History forms the basis of our learning connection block for one of the half terms within each half term. For example, all year groups will have the learning connection block, 'Rebellion and Invasion' in Autumn 1 with each class having a particular focus on a learning concept, e.g. Year 4 – How did the arrival of the Romans change Britain? This allows pupils to know more and remember more for each learning connection block.</p> <p>Teachers will help pupils with SEND to overcome any barriers to participating and learning and make any 'reasonable adjustments' needed to include pupils. To make lessons inclusive, teachers will anticipate what barriers to taking part and learning may pose for pupils with SEND. Some modifications or adjustments will be made or smaller</p>

	<p>steps to achieve the learning goal. Occasionally, pupils with SEND will have to work on different activities, or towards different learning intentions, from their peers.</p> <p>In EYFS, all areas of learning and development are important and inter-connected. These are stipulated in the ‘Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage’. The most relevant statements for history are taken from the following area of learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Understanding the World
<p>Assessment</p>	<p>Assessment is regarded as an integral part of teaching and learning and is a continuous process. There are planned opportunities within the curriculum plan to revisit learning from the current year but also previous year groups.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the class teacher to assess all pupils in their class. This is mainly achieved through mini-plenaries, questioning, observation, end of unit tasks, marking, feedback from support staff and pupil self-assessment.</p> <p>Teachers use the result of sessions tasks as well as end of unit tasks to monitor attainment and progress, as well as analysing for gaps to plan follow up learning.</p> <p>End of year assessment is reported on Itrack and features on the annual report to parents.</p> <p>In EYFS, the level of development children should be expected to have attained by the end of the EYFS is defined by the early learning goals (ELGs). These are not used as a curriculum or in any way to limit the wide variety of rich experiences that are crucial to child development. Instead, the ELGs support teachers to make a holistic, best-fit judgement about a child’s development, and their readiness for year 1.</p> <p>When assessing pupils with SEND, there will be carefully planned opportunities in order for them to demonstrate what they know and are able to do, using alternative means where necessary. Where a pupil is unable to use particular types of equipment, assessment of attainment will be based on understanding of the processes used as demonstrated through oral and written responses or, where possible, through the use of alternative equipment. The attainment of pupils who require adapted equipment, such as particular switches or voice-activated software, will be assessed using these specialist items.</p> <p>The monitoring of the standards of children’s learning and the quality of learning and teaching of history is the shared responsibility of the Senior Leadership Team and the subject leader. The work of the subject leader also involves supporting colleagues in the teaching of history, being informed about current developments in the subject, and providing a strategic lead and direction for the subject in the school. A named member of the school governing body is briefed to overview the teaching of the curriculum in the school.</p>

<p>Culture</p>	<p>Our high-quality history curriculum helps pupils gain a coherent knowledge and understanding of Britain's past and that of the wider world.</p> <p>Teaching equips pupils to ask perceptive questions, think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments, and develop perspective and judgement.</p> <p>Our history curriculum helps pupils to understand the complexity of people's lives, the process of change, the diversity of societies and relationships between different groups, as well as their own identity and the challenges of their time.</p> <p>Our carefully planned history curriculum provides the opportunity for pupils to review, revisit and develop their learning of a particular learning connect. History forms the basis of our learning connection block for one of the half terms within each half term. For example, all year groups will have the learning connection block, 'Rebellion and Invasion' in Autumn 1 with each class having a particular focus on a learning concept, e.g. Year 4 – How did the arrival of the Romans change Britain? This allows pupils to know more and remember more for each learning connection block.</p> <p>We believe our history curriculum inspires pupils' curiosity to know more about the past. We enrich and inspire the history curriculum by linking many trips and enrichments, for example a trip to the Davidstow War Museum for Year 6 and a history workshop in school based on Samuel Pepys in Year 1.</p> <p>Teachers will help pupils with SEND to overcome any barriers to participating and learning and make any 'reasonable adjustments' needed to include pupils. To make lessons inclusive, teachers will anticipate what barriers to taking part and learning may pose for pupils with SEND. Some modifications or adjustments will be made or smaller steps to achieve the learning goal. Occasionally, pupils with SEND will have to work on different activities, or towards different learning intentions, from their peers.</p> <p>For some activities, there may need to be a 'parallel' activity for pupils with SEND, so that they can work towards the same learning intentions as their peers, but in a different way. The use of technology to assist learning can remove barrier e.g. Widget, switches, text readers and speech and communicator devices. Using keyboard shortcuts instead of a mouse, enables all pupils to be involved. Generic software, such as Microsoft Office, contains accessibility facilities for SEND pupils. Screen filters may help with glare or using coloured backgrounds e.g. yellow background with blue script for dyslexic learners.</p> <p>Because the range of hardware and software is wide and continually expanding, teachers will always seek to collaborate with the SENDCo or colleagues e.g. previous teacher, on removing barriers to learning and participation for particular pupils with SEND. Pupils will also be able to advise on the technologies that suit them best.</p>
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Systems	<p>In EYFS, all areas of learning and development are important and inter-connected. These are stipulated in the ‘Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage’. The most relevant statements for history are taken from the following area of learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Understanding the World <p>Reception Understanding the World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Comment on images of familiar situations in the past. ▪ Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past. <p>ELG Understanding the World Past and Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Talk about the lives of people around them and their roles in society. ▪ Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. ▪ Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling. <p>The National Curriculum for history aims to ensure that all pupils:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ know and understand the history of these islands as a coherent, chronological narrative, from the earliest times to the present day: how people’s lives have shaped this nation and how Britain has influenced and been influenced by the wider world ▪ know and understand significant aspects of the history of the wider world: the nature of ancient civilisations; the expansion and dissolution of empires; characteristic features of past non-European societies; achievements and follies of mankind ▪ gain and deploy a historically grounded understanding of abstract terms such as ‘empire’, ‘civilisation’, ‘parliament’ and ‘peasantry’ ▪ understand historical concepts such as continuity and change, cause and consequence, similarity, difference and significance, and use them to make connections, draw contrasts, analyse trends, frame historically valid questions and create their own structured accounts, including written narratives and analyses ▪ understand the methods of historical enquiry, including how evidence is used rigorously to make historical claims, and discern how and why contrasting arguments and interpretations of the past have been constructed History – key stages 1 and 2 ▪ gain historical perspective by placing their growing knowledge into different contexts, understanding the connections between local, regional, national and international history; between cultural, economic, military, political, religious and social history; and between short- and long-term timescales. <p>By the end of each key stage, pupils are expected to know, apply and understand the matters, skills and processes specified in the relevant</p>
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	programme of study. <i>See the knowledge and skills organiser for history which demonstrates the progression through the year groups.</i>
Policies/key documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Whole School Long term horizontal curriculum map ▪ History Knowledge and Skills organiser ▪ EYFS Long term overview ▪ SEND Policy <p><i>All of these can be found on our website under the curriculum/policies tab.</i></p>
Perceptions from viewpoints (e.g. pupils/parents/Governors)	<p>Pupil:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The vast majority of pupils agree that they are learning a lot at this school and that they have to work hard. (Pupil satisfaction survey – Summer 2023). <p>Parent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The vast majority of parents agree (99%) that the teaching is good. <i>Parent Survey Summer 2023.</i> ▪ The vast majority of parents (97%) agree that the school is helping their child to become mature and responsible. <i>Parent Survey Summer 2023.</i> ▪ “They always get a warm welcome and the environment seems happy and stimulating for them.” <i>Parent Survey Summer 2023</i> ▪ “I feel the school offers a friendly, welcoming learning environment, and in my opinion, staff do your utmost to help a child if they are having difficulties, be that with their learning, or well-being.” <i>Parent Survey Summer 2023</i> ▪ “My child is very happy to go to school and enjoys the activities that she is given.” <i>Survey Summer 2023</i> <p>Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All staff agree (100%) that the children are safe at this school. <i>Staff Survey Summer 2023.</i> ▪ All staff agree (100%) that the school deals with any cases of bullying effectively (bullying includes persistent name-calling, cyber, racist and homophobic bullying). <i>Staff survey Summer 2023</i> ▪ All staff agree (100%) that leaders are doing all that they can to improve teaching. <i>Staff survey Summer 2023.</i> ▪ “It is a wonderful school to work in and I am very proud of all of our achievements!” <i>Survey Summer 2023</i> <p>Governors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “The school has a lovely warm, happy, inclusive feeling about it. The children appear very engaged and enthusiastic, which is evident by the work displayed on the walls and how all classes appear to have a learning thread running through, incorporating a number of visible subjects such as Maths, English Writing, Art, History etc.” <i>Governor feedback Spring 2022</i>

