



History at Wren's Nest Primary School

Wren's Nest Primary School is situated in the heart of the Black Country which is rich in historical heritage. The curriculum at Wren's Nest ensures that children grow up with an appreciation for the area in which they live. They learn about the importance of artefacts and how we need to preserve these for future generations. Children develop an enquiring mind, learning to pose questions about the past and challenging the answers. The History Curriculum provides children with the skills they require to identify cause and effect, gaining an understanding about our modern world, and how it has been developed. The curriculum encourages children to be ambitious for their futures while being respectful for the history and traditions of other cultures.



Big Ideas

- ✓ Chronology
- ✓ Interpretation
- ✓ Enquiry
- ✓ Organisation
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Cause and Effect
- ✓ Questions
- ✓ Source analysis
- ✓ Continuity and change



Content and Sequencing

- ✓ **EYFS** - Children explore similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences including characters from books and figures from the past.
- ✓ **Years 1 and 2** - Children develop an appreciation of the rich history of the area in which they live. They make observations about how toys have changed over time developing a sense of chronology. They learn about the fire of London, comparing life in those time to their own. Children visit Bournville to experience a 'flash back' in time and use role play to consolidate their understanding of past events.
- ✓ **Years 3 and 4** - In Lower Key-stage 2, the children are introduced to the invaders of our shores. The Romans, Vikings, and the failed attempts of Adolf Hitler during WW2. Children begin to explain why events may have happened, evaluate different sources and use evidence to build up a picture of the past.
- ✓ **Years 5 and 6** - In Upper Key-Stage 2, children are introduced to the classics, studying The Ancient Greeks and The Egyptians. In addition to this they use the railways to study a theme over time as well as delving into life in Victorian Times. In these units, children have the opportunity to compare beliefs and behaviours, consider the consequences of people's actions and use primary and secondary sources of information to create a fluent account of the past.



Cross curricular links

- ✓ Direct links with:
 - Geography
 - Maths
 - Literature
 - British Values
 - Religious Education
 - PSHE
 - Enrichment activities e.g. a visit to a historic site.
 - Collaborating with Dudley Canal and Tunnel Trust
- ✓ Wren's Nest Schema Webs of Food, Fashion and Technology.
- ✓ External providers such as The Canal Trust.



Retrieval

- ✓ Quizzes
- ✓ Tasks and activities
- ✓ University challenge
- ✓ Big Questions
- ✓ Schemas
- ✓ Debates
- ✓ WOW Days



Progress

- ✓ Low-stake quizzes
- ✓ End of unit challenges
- ✓ Formative assessments
- ✓ Children's books
- ✓ Content mapping of the skills and knowledge of the curriculum
- ✓ Increase in the use of historical language and concepts (disciplinary skills).
- ✓ Working Wall
- ✓ Golden nuggets



Support

- ✓ Inclusion for all children.
- ✓ Children in provision sets to access strength lessons in year groups
- ✓ Tiered Vocabulary
- ✓ Differentiated activities based on historical skills and knowledge.
- ✓ Groups across school
- ✓ Working Walls
- ✓ Adult support in the classrooms
- ✓ Wren's Nest Writing Pathway
- ✓ High quality artefacts
- ✓ Work with North Dudley Schools
- ✓ Staff CPD
- ✓ Collaboration with Dudley Canal and Tunnel Trust