



## **HISTORY VISION**

At Dawley C of E Academy, we believe that it is important that children acquire a secure historical knowledge and an understanding of how the past has shaped the present. We deliver engaging history lessons which enable the children to explore the past and develop an awareness of how their own identity has had an impact on civilisation. We provide the opportunity to discover how people and events have shaped this nation and how Britain has been influenced by the wider world. Our aim is to inspire a love of history and encourage our pupils to become critical thinkers who are able to explore a historical line of enquiry.

“Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it. Those who do not remember their past are condemned to repeat their mistakes. Those who do not read history are doomed to repeat it. Those who fail to learn from the mistakes of their predecessors are destined to repeat them.”– *George Santayana*

## **HISTORY INTENT**

### **WHAT WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE TEACHING IN THE CLASSROOM?**

#### **The school's senior leadership team will:**

- Lead the school staff to develop a clear overarching curriculum intent which drives the ongoing development and improvement of all curriculum subjects.
- Ensure that the curriculum leaders have appropriate time to develop their specific curriculum intent through careful research and development.
- Provide sufficient funding to ensure that implementation is high quality.

#### **The curriculum leader will:**

- Understand and articulate the expectations of the curriculum to support teaching and support staff in the delivery.
- Ensure an appropriate progression of knowledge is in place which supports pupils in knowing more and remembering more as historians.
- Ensure an appropriate progression of history skills and knowledge is in place over time so that pupils are supported to be the best historians they can be, and challenge teachers to support struggling historians and extend more competent ones.
- Ensure an appropriate progression for vocabulary is in place for each phase of learning, which builds on prior learning.
- Identify historians who underpin specific areas of the curriculum and raise aspirations for pupils.
- Keep up to date with current history research and subject development through an appropriate subject body or professional group.

#### **The class teacher will, with support from the curriculum leader:**

- Create a long term plan which ensures appropriate coverage of knowledge, skills and vocabulary from the progression grid.
- Personally pursue support for any particular subject knowledge and skills gaps prior to teaching.
- Ensure that resources are appropriate, of high enough quality and are plentiful so that all pupils have the correct tools and materials.



## **HISTORY IMPLEMENTATION**

### **WHAT WILL THIS LOOK LIKE IN A CLASSROOM?**

#### **Our teaching sequence will be:**

- Big picture: Placing of the History being studied in the chronological context of previous learning, using the class timeline.
- Daily review: Brief review of learning covered in previous lesson/s.
- Specify key vocabulary to be used and its meaning.
- Conduct Historical enquiry using a variety of sources and / or artefacts
- Interpret their findings.
- Communicate their historical knowledge and understanding appropriately
- Evaluate their learning and compare with other historical periods studied as appropriate.

#### **Our classrooms will:**

- Provide appropriate quality equipment for each area of the curriculum.
- Have developed learning walls which include carefully chosen vocabulary and visual aids which children can constantly refer back to in order to support their learning.
- Have access to knowledge organisers which children can refer to during lessons. These are used to prompt upcoming learning and for review.
- Be organised so that pupils can work in small groups or whole class as appropriate to support pupils in their development of their skills.
- Have access in reading corners to historical texts which are relevant to the current topic in order to extend and further engage them in their learning.

#### **Our children will be:**

- Motivated because they are challenged by the curriculum which they are provided with.
- Engaged in the learning as the curriculum is delivered in a variety of ways including drama, discussion and use of technology.
- Resilient learners who overcome barriers and understand their own strengths and areas for development.
- Able to critique their own work as an historian because they know how to be successful.
- Safe and happy in history lessons which give them opportunities to explore their own creative development.
- Encouraged and nurtured to overcome any barriers to their learning or self-confidence because feedback is positive and focuses historical skills and knowledge.
- Develop historical skills and confidence over time because of careful planning, focused delivery and time to practice and hone skills.



## **HISTORY IMPACT**

### **HOW WILL THIS BE MEASURED?**

#### **Pupil Voice will show:**

- A developed understanding of the methods and skills of historians at an age appropriate level.
- A progression of understanding, with appropriate vocabulary which supports and extends understanding.
- Confidence in discussing history, their own work and identifying their own strengths and areas for development.

#### **Displays around school and books will show:**

- Pupils have had opportunities for practice and refinement of skills.
- A varied and engaging curriculum which develops a range of historical skills.
- Developed and final pieces of work which showcase the skills learned.
- Clear progression of skills in line with expectations set out in the progression grids.
- That pupils, over time, develop a range of skills and techniques across all of the areas of the historical curriculum.

#### **The curriculum leader will:**

- Celebrate the successes of pupils through planned displays.
- Collate appropriate evidence over time which evidences that pupils know more and remember more.
- Monitor the standards in the subject to ensure the outcomes are at expected levels.
- Provide ongoing CPD support based on the outcomes of subject monitoring to ensure that the impact of the curriculum is wide reaching and positive

