

## **All Saints CE Primary School**

### **Policy Statement for History**

#### **General Principles and Philosophy**

History is a foundations subject in the National Curriculum, and is part of the entitlement of all pupils aged 5 to 16. The teaching of history provides one of the fundamental ways in which society transmits its cultural heritage to new generations.

Through learning history, pupils develop an understanding of the contemporary world as a product and a process of change. An historical perspective is an essential component of our awareness as citizens. The learning of History should contribute to personal and social development, to the development of skills of communication and problem-solving, and study skills and to economic and industrial understanding, environmental education and citizenship.

It should be an exciting, challenging and enjoyable process, with pupils learning by a variety of challenging experiences in which they are actively engaged in the learning process as investigators and decision makers.

#### **The National Curriculum**

At All Saints CE Primary School, we aim to fulfil the National Curriculum requirements for History at Key Stages 1 and 2 by teaching the Areas of Study or Study Units and the Key Elements of History. The programmes of Study for each Key Stage Will be taught to pupils in ways appropriate to their abilities.

#### **Aims**

The aims of History at All Saints CE Primary School are to:

- develop a sense of chronology
- develop knowledge and understanding of change and continuity through time
- develop knowledge and understanding of cause and consequence
- develop knowledge and understanding of key and different features of historical situations
- develop pupils' abilities to interpreting the past
- develop skills in the use of historical evidence
- develop a respect for evidence and a critical attitude towards it
- develop an interest in the past and an appreciation of human achievements and aspirations
- develop skills of enquiry and communication
- develop an appreciation of the link between History and other subjects

#### **Objectives**

The objectives of History at All Saints CE Primary School are:

that by the end of Key Stages 1 and 2 pupils should have had historical experiences which enable them with varying degrees of skill and understanding to:

- develop a sense of chronology
- use dates and terms relating to the passing of time
- investigate characteristic features of particular periods and societies
- describe and identify between ways of life at different times
- describe and make links between events
- identify and give reasons for different ways in which the past is represented and interpreted
- use a range of source of information to find out about aspects of the past
- ask and answer questions, select and record information
- communicate their understanding of history in a variety of ways
- recall, select and organise historical information, beginning to produce structural work use historical terms
- study appropriate areas of study or Study Unit, according to Key Stage

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