



Oxley Park Academy

History Policy

Rationale

The past has an influence on all aspects of our lives. It is important in the shaping of customs and communities and is essential to our understanding of the development of the modern world and our place within it. At Oxley Park Academy we believe that children should learn about men, women and children in different societies, religions and cultures. Through this the children will see the diversity of human experience, and understand more about themselves as individuals and members of society.

Aims

We aim for our children to:

- know that history is a record of what has happened in the past and why
- develop historical knowledge and understanding
- participate in historical enquiry through studying historical evidence, asking questions and problem-solving
- develop a sense of chronology
- interpret historical events using a variety of sources
- understand that the society in which pupils live has been shaped by the past
- communicate historical knowledge in oral, written and visual forms using appropriate vocabulary and techniques
- develop an ability to describe and make links between main events, situations and changes

Planning

The History curriculum in school is based on the requirements of the National and Foundation stage Curriculums. As a school we have chosen to follow a creative curriculum. History will form part of our topic learning. The planning is monitored by the Subject Leader on a termly basis to ensure continuity, progression and consistency throughout the school.

Teaching and Learning

A range of styles of teaching is necessary for the teaching History. Approaches need to be related to the topic itself and to the abilities, learning styles and experiences of pupils.

As detailed in our "Oxley Park Academy Policy for Learning And Teaching", teaching will be differentiated to meet individual needs and will include opportunities for;

- Teacher exposition
- Discussion techniques (pupil/pupil and pupil/teacher)
- Appropriate practical work
- Consolidation and practice of fundamental skills and routines
- Use of ICT, museum resources and outside visits
- First-hand experience
- Investigation work

- Class work, group work, individual work
- Recording and observation
- Provision of different media and materials to address variety in learning styles

Equal Opportunities & Inclusion

At Oxley Park Academy we are committed to equality of opportunity and inclusion as detailed in our school policy. We have a responsibility to provide a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum for all our pupils which sets suitable learning challenges, giving every pupil the opportunity to experience success in learning and to achieve as high a standard as possible. This includes pupils whose attainments fall significantly below the expected levels and also those whose attainments significantly exceed those expected.

All staff will have high expectations of all pupils and provide opportunities for everyone to achieve, including boys and girls, pupils with special educational needs, pupils with disabilities, pupils from all social and cultural backgrounds, pupils of different ethnic groups including travelers, refugees and asylum seekers, and those from diverse linguistic backgrounds. Teachers should be aware that pupils bring to school different experiences, interests and strengths, which influence the way in which they learn.

Role of the Subject Leader

The role of the Subject Leader is to:

- Purchase, organize and maintain teaching resources
- Manage a delegated budget and keep spending within it
- Encourage and assist in training
- Provide guidance and support in implementing schemes of work
- Co-ordinate recording and presentation throughout the school after consultation with colleagues
- Advise the Senior Leadership Team of action required (eg resources, standards, etc)
- Encourage ways of involving parents in their child's learning
- Provide support for all who teach History and so improve the quality and continuity of History teaching and learning throughout the school.
- Monitor planning to ensure teaching and learning is appropriately differentiated and achieves expected progression.

Resources

The Subject Leader has an inventory of all equipment required
Thematic boxes are stored in the Key Stage 1 and 2 cupboards

Health and safety

At all times due care and consideration is given to health & safety as outlined in our Health & safety policy

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