

We believe that children who excel in History have these essential characteristics:

- An excellent knowledge of people and events from different historical periods, and an understanding of historical concepts and processes.
- The ability to communicate differently for a range of audiences, taking consideration that different people in the past had different experiences and views from each other and ourselves eg traditions, culture, beliefs, values and motivations.
- The ability to make interpretations of the past based on different pieces of evidence and sources, to draw inferences, whilst consistently supporting, evaluating and challenging their own views and those of others.
- The ability to devise and investigate questions about people and events from the past, using evidence to reflect, debate and reach conclusions.
- An interest and passion to study the different ways in which the past has been represented and to understand why people interpret the past in different ways.
- A respect for historical evidence and the ability to explore the many causes that led to events and changes in history, taking consideration of the outcomes which may have been intended or unintended.
- A desire to embrace challenging activities, including opportunities to explore a range of history topics.