

History

History enables children to be curious and appreciative of the complexity of people's lives, the process of change, the diversity of societies and relationships between different groups, as well as their own identity and challenges of their time.

At Duddon St Peter's, we aim to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of the past as we believe that this is crucial in them understanding how the past influences our lives today. Pupils are given an opportunity to study significant people, periods and events that occurred in British and international history. These include Ancient Egypt, The Greeks, The Stone Age, Anglo Saxons and Vikings, the Romans and the Victorians.

Our youngest learners are encouraged to develop an extensive knowledge and understanding of the world around them through play, story, role play and other practical, creative activities. They are given opportunities to explore events that happened in their own life time, asking and answering questions and illustrating curiosity and enthusiasm. As children progress through school, their historical journey delves deeper and deeper into the past and asks them to make comparisons to our lives today. They study events within and then beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally. Children also explore the lives of significant others and historical events, peoples and places in their own locality.

Older children continue to develop an awareness of the past, using consistent vocabulary relating to the passing of time. They begin to develop a strong sense of chronology and understand how events relate to each other. They can confidently discuss similarities and differences between life in different periods. Children are also taught to understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.

Impact:-

We ensure that through the teaching of History, children have a thirst for knowledge, an enthusiasm to explore, analyse and question the past and develop perspective and judgement.

The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future. Roosevelt

A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.

