

## History at Newton Hill Community School

At Newton Hill Community School, we encourage our pupils to be historians within our History lessons. We aim to ensure their learning is fun, interactive and challenging at the same time. We want to fuel our pupils' curiosity about the past and to help them understand that History is not only about remembering key dates and events but learning how the actions of others have shaped our modern lives today.

We aim to provide high quality history lessons to help pupils gain a coherent knowledge and understanding of Britain's past and the wider world. We want our pupils to **ask perceptive questions, think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments** and **develop perspective and judgement**.



The National Curriculum for History is divided into six key areas across all key stages. These are;

1. Chronological Understanding
2. Knowledge & Understanding of Events, People and Changes in the Past
3. Historical Interpretation
4. Historical Enquiry
5. Organisation & Communication
6. Historical Vocabulary.

## **Key Stage 1**

In Key Stage 1, History is taught through topic throughout the year. Pupils develop an awareness of the past, using common words and phrases relating to the passing of time. They begin to know where the people and events they study fit within a chronological timeline and identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods.

The topics are split into Cycle A and Cycle B which will be covered over two years.

### **Cycle A Topics:**

- Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot
- Titanic

### **Cycle B Topics:**

- Great Fire of London and Samuel Pepys
- Our School / Our Community

## **Key Stage 2**

In Key Stage 2, History is taught through topic throughout the year. Pupils continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British, local and world history. They identify connections, contrasts and trends over time and devise historically valid questions about change, cause, similarity, difference and significance.

The topics are split into Cycle A and Cycle B which will be covered over two years.

### **Lower Key Stage 2**

#### **Cycle A Topics:**

- The Vikings and Anglo-Saxons

- Ancient Greeks

**Cycle B Topics:**

- Stone Age
- Roman Empire

**Upper Key Stage 2**

**Cycle A Topics:**

- The History of Chocolate (Mayans and Aztecs)
- Ancient Egypt

**Cycle B Topics:**

- World War 1 & 2
- Slave Trade

