



St Martin's School

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History Intent Statement

Our vision at St Martin's is for children to feel happy and safe, and become lifelong learners, who know they can make God's world a better place.

At St Martin's, within history we aim to provide a high quality history education which will help our children gain a good understanding of Britain's past, and that of the wider world. Our curriculum will inspire pupils' natural curiosity and fascination to find out more about the past and how it influences the present. We encourage children to ask perceptive questions, think critically, weigh up evidence, sift through arguments and develop perspective and judgement. At St Martin's, we place an importance on understanding the history of our local area across the year groups. We aim to bring history to life through visitors and special history days.

At St Martin's, we aim to link history to our school values:

Respect - we aim to teach a diverse history curriculum, to promote awareness, understanding and respect for the diverse world that we live in. We aim to teach children to respect different viewpoints and ideas. We encourage children to respect how past events or significant people have shaped our lives today e.g. through our learning on Remembrance Day.

Friendship - we aim to encourage children to work together with their peers, through partner or group work and show a sense of teamwork.

Courage - we aim to teach children to show courage in history, by encouraging children to share their views and opinions, even if they differ to others. We aim to make links with how people in the past have been courageous, and how this courage has impacted the present. We learn about 'courageous advocates' like Florence Nightingale - someone who has the courage to speak up for what they believe in, and work hard to do something about it and to make a difference.

Creativity - we aim to encourage children to think creatively in history and to develop their historical enquiry skills. When looking at sources and artefacts, we want children to think creatively about how they were used and what this tells us about the past. Children are encouraged to develop their curiosity about history by asking questions, thinking critically and debating ideas.