



## Barnfields Primary School: History

Subject Leader Curriculum Intent, Implementation and Impact Overview			
<b>Subject Quest:</b> <i>Develop a better understanding of the world in which we live by studying historical events and trends, allowing us to develop a much greater appreciation for current events today.</i>			
The Three Core Concepts at Barnfields			
Chronology		Enquiry	Knowledge
Intent	Supporting Research	Implementation	Impact
<p><b>Children build a clear, chronological understanding of the past of Britain and the wider world. Their progression through school builds their identity and creates for them an understanding of the past, equipping them with the wisdom to face challenges in their lives.</b></p>	<p><b>Tim Jenner (HMI History Subject Lead)</b> has stated that outstanding curriculums are those based on breadth. <b>(Ofsted and Primary History, 2021)</b></p> <p>Material should also be revisited on a regular basis so that the key information can be stored more effectively in children’s long-term memory <b>(Pan and Agarwal, 2018)</b>.</p> <p><b>Herman Ebbinghaus</b> research on the forgetting curve proved that unless subjects were regularly revisited then people would forget the information.</p> <p><b>Ofsted History guidance (2021)</b> states that in regards to knowledge, ‘They will need to be able to access it readily – to be at their ‘fingertips’, in order to build a clear understanding of the past.</p>	<p>At Barnfields, we believe in Michael Crichton’s quote that, ‘If you don’t know history then you don’t know anything. You are a leaf that doesn’t know if it is part of a tree’. We educate our pupils to understand the past so it can better inform their future. Our curriculum is <b>ambitious</b> and will act as a progression model, with the Key Stage 2 curriculum sequenced in chronological order to help build the children’s understanding. Therefore, timelines will be regularly used to orientate pupils about the past and allow them to talk confidently about developments over time. By sequencing our learning pupils will find connections between societies and understand why people and events are <b>relevant</b> due to the affect they have had on our current society.</p> <p>At the start of each lesson, children will recap over previous topics and learning to help set up schemas to the new learning that day. This opportunity to revisit previous historical units and previous learning, at the beginning of every lesson, will ensure that the previous knowledge will keep being brought back into the working memory. This will help develop their long-term memory, supporting the children so they can talk confidently about broad developments over time. By building up the pupil’s substantive knowledge it will allow them to explore our key concepts of power, empire, democracy, monarchy and trade, in more depth as they will be able to make sense of what they are learning.</p>	<p>Children will achieve age related expectations in History at the end of their cohort year.</p> <p>Children will be able to talk confidently about developments over time, putting together the puzzle of human history.</p> <p>Children will be able to use timelines, helping put their learning in context.</p>

### Subject Quests/Core Concepts:

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		<p>Our pupils will be hooked from a young age by the rich stories from the early human civilisations, and continuing to explore a rich and varied history of Britain and the wider world throughout their time in school. To do this our teachers have a good knowledge of the history that is taught at Barnfields. Progression grids are used to inform planning and to ensure that the rich information is imparted through sequential, systematic teaching. They will ensure that the coverage of the curriculum is met.</p>	
<p><b><i>Our teaching inspires children’s curiosity to know more about the past and equips them to ask perceptive questions, think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments and develop perspective judgements.</i></b></p>	<p><b>Susie Townsend, working alongside the Historical Association</b>, indicates that the three ingredients of a good History lesson are: substantive knowledge, disciplinary knowledge and methods of enquiry. By doing those pupils will come away from history lessons curious, motivated and keen to know more.</p> <p><b>Sutton Trust</b> showed teachers with a strong knowledge base made a greater impact on progress than any other single factor.</p> <p>Research by <b>Chris Runeckles</b> revealed children would be more likely to learn information emotively told by a teacher than through reading a book or watching a PowerPoint.</p> <p><b>Ofsted (2001)</b> states that ‘enquiry questions can powerful shape historical learning.’ As for using resources <b>Ofsted</b> advises, ‘When using resources effective teaching about sources and evidence teaches pupils to use sources to establish</p>	<p>Our pupils will be hooked from a young age by the rich stories from the early human civilisations, and they will continue to explore a rich and varied history of Britain, and the wider world, throughout their time in school. To do this our teachers have a good knowledge of the history that is taught at Barnfields. Progression grids are used to inform planning and to ensure that the rich information is imparted through sequential, systematic teaching.</p> <p>Children will also be taught how to consider why something happens (causation), why it might be important (significance) and how it could be viewed in different ways (interpretation). As we want our children to have <b>enquiring</b> minds, lessons will be framed around key questions which children will investigate. Sources will be analysed for pupils to draw their own conclusions from the evidence using the LISE questioning method. Pupils will then be communicating their responses in a variety of different ways,</p> <p>Basing our curriculum around being knowledge rich we want to make sure children don’t just understand about a civilisation but also why they did what they did as well as the impact it has since had. Young et al (2014) ‘powerful knowledge’ principle also draws out the need for rich experiences such as well selected trips, artefact analysis and source work. Our curriculum will be well stocked with resources which are constantly reviewed.</p>	<p>Children will be able to analyse sources; independently deciding their purpose, what they are saying and whether they can be trusted.</p> <p>Children will retain knowledge that is pertinent to History at Barnfields, bringing previous knowledge to future topics.</p>

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	evidence for a specific historical question. The breadth of pupils' knowledge can be developed by encounters with a wide range of sources and source types, including objects, oral histories and artefacts, as well as written sources'		
<b><i>As children develop their understanding through school of the complexity of people's lives from the past, they progress further by building their own understanding of the diversity in societies and relationships between different groups.</i></b>	<p><b>As R.Burns</b> states, (What might a knowledge-rich humanities curriculum look like in the primary school, 2019) We need to help the children learn what it means to be human.</p> <p><b>Ofsted History guidance (2021)</b> states that 'Through history, pupils come to understand their place in the world, and in the long story of human development.' We aim for the children to understand the importance of their locality and the wider world. <b>Ofsted (2021)</b> understands this importance, 'It also develops pupils' understanding of the interconnectedness of developments in different places; for example, how trade relationships connected parts of the medieval world, and how developments in one part of the world affect another.'</p>	<p>At Barnfields, we realise that it is important for pupils to understand their <b>community</b>. We emphasise this through some of our topic questions as this can help the children understand the <b>relevance</b> about what they are learning. Links to the Ancient High House, Stafford Castle and Cannock Chase will help the children understand about their heritage and give them a sense of belonging to part of their community.</p> <p>However, we also realise that to do this alone would give a narrow view of the world in which we live. We therefore ensure that we celebrate other cultures through events such as Black History Month. We also ensure a range of significant individuals are studied, from different races and genders. This will ensure that our students become tolerant and respectful of others.</p>	Children will be able to discuss a range of cultures and the history then share.

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