



At Sandon primary academy, our aim is to create knowledgeable historians, who can transfer their skills and be ready for the challenge of the secondary curriculum regardless of background and ability.

Our history curriculum encompasses a range of skills, where children apply age-appropriate activities to promote every opportunity for historical enquiry. Children will be given a voice through discussion, will learn to critically question, explore different types of evidence and make informed judgements, including proving or disproving historical theories. We want our children to have the skill set to challenge the origin of information, both for the then and the now, which is an important life skill. Children will develop their substantive knowledge, by immersive learning which then leads on to an understanding of chronology and first order concepts.

Children will then consider how history has changed and impacted on our lives today, discuss similarities and differences between places, people and groups in the past through consideration of primary and secondary sources. For example, how the changes in education during the Victorian period impacts our children today.

Children at Sandon will become Stone age dwellers, discover daily life as an ancient Athenian and explore the role our local pot banks played in the abolishment of slavery, in England. This will be achieved through role play, the magic of Virtual Reality, and research of historical sources. These are just some of the approaches and topics used to provide opportunities for enriched learning of our history curriculum. Many of our history topics will have cross curriculum links, for example, children will study the physical features of Greece using their geography skills and how this shaped the states of ancient Greece.

Further enrichment is provided by special themed days across the year groups. Children will also experience numerous schools' trips, for example Year 5 learn and see first-hand Victorian life through a trip to Blists Hill. There will also be themed days linked to areas of study and visiting workshops.

The history curriculum at Sandon will be shaped based on children's interests, the guidance from the National Curriculum and how well children are progressing against these objectives.