

Rosendale Primary School: KS2 history curriculum 2021/22

Curriculum intent

Rosendale's history curriculum will give pupils a chronological knowledge and understanding of Britain's past, from its first settlement, when still part of mainland Europe following the last ice age, to the present day. Children are also introduced to important aspects of world history, including the early civilisations, empires and world war.

The curriculum explores how Britain has influenced, and been influenced by, the wider world. Pupils learn how Britain has been shaped by successive waves of migration, from the first nomadic settlers, to Anglo-Saxon, Viking and Norman settlers, to immigration from around the world in recent decades. There is a particular focus on migration from the Caribbean into Rosendale's local community in the period following World War II, the so-called 'Windrush generation.'

The curriculum teaches children about the racism and injustices that are historical causes of the Black Lives Matter movement and social inequality in Britain. Children learn about Britain's participation in the transatlantic slave trade and the period during which Britain controlled and exploited an empire covering a quarter of the world.

The children explore important concepts such as invasion, settlement, power and legacy grounded in Britain's history. They study kings and queens, significant individuals and events. Alongside this base of knowledge, children are taught methods of historical enquiry, including how evidence is used to make historical claims and how historical events may be understood and interpreted in different ways.

The rich historical resources in London and its surrounds are used to help bring the history alive in each unit of work.

Each unit of teaching is placed in a whole-school chronology that is displayed in each classroom.

	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3
Year 3	Early Britain	Roman Britain	The Tudors and Henry VIII
Year 4	Ancient Greece	Anglo-Saxon and Viking Britain	The Victorians and empire
Year 5	Ancient Civilisations - overview	Norman Conquest	Empire and Britain's role in the transatlantic slave trade
Year 6	World War II in Europe and the Battle of Britain	Rebuilding Britain after the Second World War: The Windrush generation	

