

History at Downview

What does History look like at Downview?

At Downview, children learn through hands on practical experiences which develop their enquiry skills and a desire to find out about the world and what has led up this period in time.

History is taught in blocks to provide the children with an immersive experience.

What do we learn?

Children at Downview learn about:

KS1 Changes in living memory, significant historical events, people & places in our locality.

Events from beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally - The Great Fire of London

Lives of significant individuals in the past - Florence Nightingale & Mary Seacole

KS2 Knowledge & Understanding of British history - Victorians, The Roman Empire and Britain since 1930.

Our local study is of The Mary Rose in Portsmouth.

Knowledge & Understanding or Wider World History - Ancient Greece

We also develop a chronology of history, use historical terms, devise historically valid questions & use a range of sources to find answers. Children endeavour to make connections and contrasts over time.

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Why is History Important?

At Downview we know that History has influenced the lives that we live today.

To understand why people did things in the past and the impact that this had helps us make informed choices today.

Over time children are able to develop valid questions about historical events and events today.

By the end of the year each child should:

By the end of each year every child will have had the opportunity to ask questions and investigate the past using a range of valuable resources and experiences.

Every child will have a clear understanding of the appropriate historical vocabulary associated with each topic. Building knowledge and understanding progressively across their primary history journey.

What events take place?

- Old Toys from Chichester Museum (Yr1)
- London's Burning Role Play/Drama (Yr2)
- Florence Role Play/Drama Yr2
- Visit to Victorian School (Year 3)
- Roman adventure at Hooke Courte (Yr4)
- Visit to Mary Rose (Yr5)
- Greek Role Play/Drama (Yr5)
- WW2 Role Play/Drama (Yr6)