

# The teaching of History supports the following areas of the Curriculum Vision for Overfields Primary School

To have secure basic skills in maths and English

There is a strong link between developing basic skills in maths and especially English at Overfields Primary School and the teaching and learning of history. Our teaching is creative and each term our planning reflects our cross-curriculum history or geography theme. We look at the timelines, charts and graphs which require many math skills and our history themes provide many opportunities for different genres of writing. History allows for many drama activities that enable children to consolidate their learning in a fun way!

To have a love of reading

A love of reading is embedded throughout the whole school curriculum and our themed texts all have a history or geography link that bring the topic to life. We believe a well-stocked library with easy access to quality non-fiction texts, that cater for all abilities, inspires children to find out more about periods in history and people that interest them.

To stay healthy and safe

The teaching of history allows us to discuss mistakes of the past and allows us to make sure they are not repeated. We learn to understand the choices people have made and how we feel about them. History gives us a sense of time and place and to be able to understand why our world is as it is. We learn about inspirational people who have made our world a safer and healthier place to live.

To be aspirational

Learning about our past can often spark a love of history that allows us to pursue this as an interest or as a future career. It allows us to learn about people in the past who have broken down barriers to make changes in our world which can inspire others, especially inspirational women in the past who have shown determination in the pursuit of careers.

To be respectful and caring

History allows us to empathise with people of the past and to understand their actions. It teaches us to respect others opinions even if they are not our beliefs. We learn to respect older generations within a living history timeline and care about the future we are all creating. History helps children gain a sense of their own identity within a social, political, cultural and economic background.

To be inquisitive, independent and problem solvers

At Overfields history forms an integral part of the curriculum. We believe the study of history inspires children's curiosity, encourages them to ask critical questions and enables them to have a better understanding of the society in which they live.