

# HISTORY LEARNING JOURNEY



## EARLY YEARS

In Early Years we learn about history by understanding the world around us. Our children learn about the concept of past and present through discussing events in their own lives. Chronological understanding is reinforced through structured classroom routines. Children learn about different traditions and festivals and how they are celebrated across the world and in different cultures, such as weddings and Diwali. Children get to experience a variety of resources and media such as books, videos, artefacts and photos.

## KEY STAGE 1

As children progress to Year 1 and 2, their understanding of chronology and past and present is built upon and extended. The programme of study leads children to learn about significant individuals, such as Mary Seacole, Henry VIII and Neil Armstrong, and their impact on the world. We also study key events like the Fire of London, Remembrance and the First Aeroplane Flight. As well as exploring traditional history we also learn about changes within living memory and in our local area. In Key Stage 1 we introduce basic timelines for children to order events or objects. Children learn about history through different primary and secondary resources such as photos, books, videos and artefacts. Children record their findings in a cross curricular manner by drawing pictures, retelling stories, sorting events and objects and writing about what they have learned.



## LOWER KEY STAGE 2

In their final years at TRPA children use their knowledge and skills from earlier years to look further into the past and explore civilisations and how they shape the modern world we know today. The programme of study includes the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain, The Anglo-Saxon and Viking struggle for England and Ancient Egypt. The children learn about these civilizations through a variety of secondary and primary resources. By LKS2 we expect our children to be able to describe in detail similarities and differences between different groups and how their actions and inventions have influenced life today. Children present what they have learned through different genres of writing, drawing, diagrams, data-handling, drama role-play, storytelling and ICT.



## I-CURRICULUM

We learn history through our innovative and inspiring I-Curriculum. Previously our Year 4 children have used the theme 'above and below' to learn about life in the Indus Valley and in the Incan Empire, while simultaneously the Year 2 class learnt about dinosaurs, Mary Anning and her work with fossils all the way to the first aeroplane flight with the Wright Brothers. The creativity and flexibility of the I-Curriculum allows history to be taught within a theme and in harmony with the whole national curriculum, whilst giving the freedom to prioritise the interests of the children.

