

History

At Ashgate, our goal is to make history relevant to our pupils. Our starting point is to ignite curiosity and enthusiasm for the subject, so our history lessons intend to bring to life the significant people and events of the past. From here, our children can learn about how and why the world, our country, culture and local community have developed over time and can appreciate how the past influences the present. Within this, we hope they will gain a sense of identity, as well as nurturing an understanding for and an interest in people now and throughout history who's lives, views and experiences may differ from their own. As such, history lessons are particularly relevant to the DNA threads of *your self, your community, your world*.

We teach the National Curriculum, supported by our clear skills and knowledge progressions. It is important that the children develop progressive skills of a historian and do not just learn a series of facts about the past. Pupils will be taught to place events chronologically, to question, to research and to critically evaluate sources. They should be able to present what they have learnt and use their knowledge to participate in debates.