

History at Bishopton Primary School

Early Years Foundation Stage

In Reception pupils learn about their own personal history. They discuss what they were like as a baby and how they have changed. They also use visual timetables and 'Now and Next' boards to better understand the passing of time. This also acts as an introduction to timelines. Traditional tales are also used to help the pupils' use the language required when sequencing events.

Key Stage 1

In Key Stage 1 pupils learn about significant individuals such as Neil Armstrong when researching the moon landing in 1969. They experience making and burning a real life model of London when learning about the Great Fire of London in 1666. As part of the Towers, Tunnels and Turrets topics they discuss how homes have changed over time. As part of a local study conducted each year pupils will learn about historical buildings and significant individuals who lived in Stratford upon Avon. They also experience a Victorian School Themed Day and begin to be able to compare their lives with the lives of those living in the past. When learning about Monarchs we ensure that female Monarchs are studied to ensure that our teaching of significant individuals celebrates the work of all genders and ethnicities.

Key Stage 2

Pupils begin to develop a chronological understanding of national and world events. They will study ancient Saxon ways of life, using different materials to create their own artefacts. They compare their lives with the lives of children who lived during WW2 and have a good understanding of how life for everyday people has changed over time. Just like Reception and KS1, KS2 also take part in a local study where they will visit many of the historical buildings located in Stratford upon Avon. They will learn about significant individuals such as William Shakespeare and celebrate cultural history when working in collaboration with the Royal Shakespeare Company.