



The Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School-HISTORY



Understanding of the world educational programme (taken from the EYFS Framework 2021)

Understanding the world involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community. The frequency and range of children's personal experiences increases their knowledge and sense of the world around them – from visiting parks, libraries and museums to meeting important members of society such as police officers, nurses and firefighters. In addition, listening to a broad selection of stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems will foster their understanding of our culturally, socially, technologically and ecologically diverse world. As well as building important knowledge, this extends their familiarity with words that support understanding across domains. Enriching and widening children's vocabulary will support later reading comprehension.

Early Learning Goals that link to History are:

EYFS Understanding the world

ELG Past and present

- Talk about the lives of people around them and their roles in society.
- Know some similarities and difference between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.
- Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling.

In Foundation Stage children:

- Look at pictures of themselves now and themselves as babies, and talk about how they have changed.
- Learn about families – children, parents, grandparents – and relate to the past, e.g. parents were once babies, then children etc.
- Help the adults to change the date on the board every morning, learning vocabulary that helps them to talk about the past, present and future such as yesterday, today, tomorrow, last week, this week, next week, last year, this year, next year, a long time ago.
- Listen to stories that are set in the past.
- Compare things in the past and now, linked to our topics (e.g. emergency vehicles, toys etc.)
- Learn the names of some significant people from the past, such as Neil Armstrong and Guy Fawkes (linked to our topics).

'Together in the spirit of love and forgiveness our family learns to grow with hope and joy.'