

At Buttsbury Junior School the **intent** of our History curriculum is for children to understand the chronological historical narrative of Britain and how this compares to other ancient civilisations across the world. In addition, children will become critical thinkers and be able to comment on historical change and evaluate how it has impacted on modern life. At Buttsbury Junior School, we are historians and children will develop strong historical skills in the form of researching and analysing both primary and secondary historical sources to understand how they learn about the past.

### How is History **implemented** at Buttsbury Junior School?

We have a broad and balanced History curriculum at Buttsbury Junior School where children are given the opportunity to master their learning by ***'applying what they have learnt to a new situation'***.

Units of learning are blocked, well sequenced and build on previous learning. Lessons ensure that progress is achieved through small steps, allowing children to develop their subject knowledge, consolidate skills and apply their learning. Strands in History include: Study periods of History; chronological understanding and historical enquiry.

At Buttsbury Junior School, History lessons may include:

- The use of artefacts to stimulate curiosity and develop the skills of historical enquiry.
- Engaging activities, trips and visitors.
- The use of primary and secondary historical sources to form an understanding of the past.
- Independent research to promote transferable skills such as locating key information; analysing the validity of sources and summarising findings.
- Comparisons of different periods in history.
- Evaluating how the past has impacted on modern life and how this has influenced our historical heritage and British Values.

### What is the **impact** of the History curriculum on our children?

Our curriculum encourages children to be curious about the past and to be critical thinkers. By learning about the past, including local history, children have an understanding of the world they live in now and this enables them to value their own and other people's cultures in modern multicultural Britain.

As a result of our History curriculum, children are equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills for the next stage of their education at secondary school.

### What our children say about History

Year 3: "History makes me feel like an archaeologist finding out about the past and we learn about important people"

Year 4: "The Roman topic is amazing as we have learnt about the invasion of Britain and Colchester Castle was brilliant!"

Year 5: "It is fascinating learning about the past. My favourite topic was the Ancient Egyptians and building a pyramid."

Year 6: "I love learning about the past as it helps me to understand how things have changed over time. In our lessons we do fun things like rowing a Viking Long ship and acting out a Viking 'Thing' or court!"