

History at St. Michael's Woolmer Green

At St. Michael's, we want our children to love learning about the past. We follow the National Curriculum for History and use the Kapow Primary scheme to help us plan exciting and meaningful lessons. This ensures that every child receives a well-rounded and engaging history education.

Our History curriculum helps children understand how the past has shaped the world we live in today. We encourage them to ask thoughtful questions, explore different viewpoints, and think carefully about how history is told. Children learn to recognise bias and understand that people's experiences and opinions can shape how events are remembered.

We bring history to life with special events throughout the year to make learning memorable. These include visits from people dressed as historical figures and themed days like Great Fire of London Day and Tudor Day. These hands-on experiences help children connect with the topics in a fun and meaningful way.

Each lesson is guided by a 'big question' that gets children thinking deeply about the topic. We explore a wide range of historical periods and cultures, including the Tudors, Ancient Greeks, and Mayans, giving children a broad understanding of the world's history.

Children have the chance to handle and explore historical artefacts, helping them to imagine what life was like in the past. They also learn how to research historical topics, using books, pictures, and digital sources. As they grow in confidence, they begin to present their findings in different ways—through writing, speaking, drama, and creative projects.

We also believe it's important to talk about challenging topics and break down stereotypes. This helps children develop empathy and a more accurate view of the past, learning to respect different perspectives.

From Reception to Year 6, children study two to three in-depth history topics each year. Each topic builds on what they've learned before, helping them develop a clear sense of time and how events are connected.

Our lessons, which last around 45 minutes to an hour, include storytelling, discussions, source analysis, and interactive activities. We often link history to other subjects too, making learning even more meaningful.

By using Kapow Primary and adapting it to suit our pupils, we ensure that every child at St. Michael's develops a strong understanding of history—and a real curiosity about the world around them.