

## Statement of Intent - History

### **Purpose – Why is this subject important?**

- History is important because it teaches children about the past, what the past is and the people and events that have come before us. It also develops children's understanding of time and chronology.
- Learning about History enables children to develop their questioning, enquiry and inference skills.
- We want our children to be curious about how people once lived, what their experiences were and to understand how and why things have changed over time.
- It gives children the opportunity to learn about where they have come from as an individual but also where we, as a nation, and the wider world, have come from. From this, children will develop an understanding of how these people and events have shaped the way we live today.
- History enables children, particularly the older Primary school child, to not only learn about the positive aspects of History, but also about the individuals and events that had a negative impact such as World War Two and the reasons behind the creation of Civil Rights. Learning about such aspects of History will support our children, the next generation, to learn from these mistakes and the harmful attitudes and beliefs people once had, so that they can create and live in a better world.

### **Principles – What are the distinctive ways of knowing, working and learning in this subject?**

- Children are taught about significant people, events and key dates.
- They will find out the ways in which we know about the past, using primary and secondary resources.
- Children deepen their understanding through analysing, questioning and discussions.
- The use of pictures, artefacts, diaries, newspapers, visits to local areas such as West Stow and Sutton Hoo and visitors into school are essential ways in which we can bring the past to life for our children and to help them learn about the past.
- History links to many other curriculum subjects such as English, Maths, Science and Geography.

### **Expectations – What does success look like?**

- Children enjoy learning about History.
- They have the knowledge and skills to interpret the past and to confidently recall key facts, names, dates and key vocabulary.
- Children have an understanding of time, periods in history and when events took place.
- Children value and appreciate significant people and the events of the past.
- They are empathetic and respectful about the History they learn.
- They are able to reflect on the past, compare and develop their own opinions on past events and people and to confidently express these.
- Children are equipped with their understanding of how our world has been shaped and how they can have a positive impact on the future.