

History

Intent

At Clara Grant children are taught that historical study itself has changed. History is not just a series of uncontested facts and events but a matter of debate with many viewpoints to explore. Children will understand and appreciate that curiosity and critical thinking are essential tools for historians.

Skilfully framing questions and exploring deeper through historical enquiry are important skills pupils will be taught across the key stages. Children will develop a sound knowledge of chronology, of historical periods and knowledge of local, national and international events.

Understanding the past and constantly evaluating it helps our children become knowledgeable future citizens. It is our intention to foster a love of History as a subject with huge relevance to the modern world and its future development.

Implementation

History skills are embedded within all history lessons and developed throughout their journey of the history curriculum. History at Clara is taught using a topic-based curriculum and aims to ensure that our children participate in activities which promotes historical knowledge and understanding through bridging the divide between our lives now and life in the past. At Clara Grant we use the Hamilton Trust planning and resources to complement and underpin our history topics. Children are taught to use historical vocabulary which is appropriate and accurate and which develops and evolves from EYFS to KS1 and through to KS2. Our children use and interpret a wide range of sources of historical information. Children learn through enquiry-based learning opportunities to gain a greater understanding of our local area and its past.

Impact

Teachers use a variety of strategies such as regular and consistent feedback, carefully planned learning experiences and the use of topic books to evaluate the knowledge, skills and understanding that our children have gained in history during each unit. As a result, our pupils are equipped with the essential historical knowledge and skills needed to develop a greater understanding of Britain's past and that of the wider world. We use a variety of strategies to evaluate the knowledge, skills and understanding that our children gain as they progress across the school:

- CPD to ensure that teacher pedagogy and assessment is secure.
- regular feedback marking and pupil voice feedback.
- subject monitoring, including book looks.
- regular low stakes knowledge assessments, using a range of creative approaches.

Enrichment

To further develop cultural capital, History at Clara Grant offers pupils a wide range of experiences outside of the classroom environment. These opportunities are designed to develop pupils' learning and their cultural understanding of the world around them. We make the most of our rich local history and living in London. History enrichment activities at Clara Grant include:

- Visits to The Ragged School and the V & A Museum of Childhood.
- Visits to the Science, the British and the Natural History museums.
- Visits to the Museum of London and the Docklands Museum
- Visits to our local Linc Centre so that children have the opportunity to interview people from older generations.
- Visitors during Black History Month