



St Matthews History Vision 2025-2026



"We have to know the past to understand the present." - Carl Sagan

At St Matthews, we ensure all children have access to an enriching and engaging history curriculum which will allow them to form an accurate understanding of, not only their own local history, but also British history and the wider world. It will allow children to gain a better understanding of the challenges and conflict that occurred in the past, and how this has shaped the world around them today.

Our history curriculum will also allow the children to develop and build on their enquiry skills, observational skills and critical thinking. Through examining sources and artefacts, educational visits and interactive, engaging lessons from EYFS to Year 6, from Understanding the World Around us in EYFS to identifying significant figures during the civil rights in Year 6. Each topic, children will revisit a chosen theme: conflict and disaster, human rights, hierarchy and power, trade and finally invasion. Our curriculum will allow children to build on their historical knowledge and skills to become independent and confident, happy learners.

By the end of their time at St Matthews children will have a better understanding of equality and how society has changed over time, preparing them for their diverse and changing futures. Developing respect and compassion for those in the past, but also different groups and communities in the present.