

Why is it important to teach History?

At North Road, our pupils develop an understanding of events in the past and how they have shaped the world they live in. They develop the enquiry skills, historical vocabulary and understanding of chronology that help them to explain events in the past. They are given opportunities to pose their own questions and compare and contrast the past and present. Pupils are taught to understand how events in the past have influenced our lives today and how they could impact on the future. Through the teaching of history, pupils have the opportunity to apply many key skills from other areas of the curriculum.

Events and learning opportunities

We provide a practical approach to historical learning. We incorporate many learning opportunities for local visits, for example Acton court, the Roman Baths, Bristol Concorde Museum and Bristol Museum. The pupils enjoy visitors into school, such as Yate Heritage Centre, members of the local community sharing their experiences as evacuees, SS Great Britain Education Team and local residents. Pupils enjoy themed days to launch their termly learning, for example Key Stage 1 recently enjoyed a Kings and Queens day and Key Stage 2 enjoyed an archaeological Roman dig on the school field. We inspire to bring history alive and create memories for our pupils.

What does History look like at North Road?

At North Road, we make links to the history of our local community and our Victorian school. Early Years pupils learn about events within their lifetime. Pupils in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 learn about significant local people and famous people who have had an impact on the wider world. Pupils in Key Stage 1 learn about significant historical events, such as the Great Fire of London. Pupils in Key Stage 2 learn about significant civilisations and periods in time, such as Romans, Anglo Saxons, Celts, Vikings, Ancient Greeks, Victorians and the World Wars.

Pupils explore and develop their understanding of chronology and make historical links to life today. They are taught to recall historical facts and information through a quiz based approach.

What our children say....

"I love learning about life in the past."

"Listening to the evacuees was amazing, I learnt so much from them."

"The Concorde museum was so interesting and the best trip ever."