



# Seamer and Irton CP School



## History Statement of Intent

At Seamer and Irton School our study of History is highly valued by leaders, teachers and pupils. Our History teaching is rooted in our school ethos of providing a broad, ambitious and balanced curriculum based on the 2014 National Curriculum for EYFS, Key Stage 1 and 2 History. We intend that our lessons are engaging, exciting and memorable studying a wide range of Historical periods. We would like our pupils to delve into a rich understanding of our world's history, evoking interest, curiosity and a passion to learn more about the world we all live in, preparing pupils to succeed later in life.

Our history curriculum aims to give our pupils the best possible chance of retaining more and seeing history as a coherent narrative as opposed to a series of isolated facts.

### **EYFS**

As part of 'Understanding the world', children will learn about some similarities and differences between the past and now, and to understand the past through settings, characters and events they learn about.

### **KS1**

Here pupils will develop an awareness of the past, using common words and phrases relating to the passing of time. They will know where the people and events they study fit within a chronological framework and identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods.

### **KS2**

Follows more specific content areas. We know that pupils' knowledge becomes richer and more secure over time therefore we follow a chronological study of eras from Year 3 – Year 6. Pupils also learn about historical concepts and the methods and approaches taken by historians and others who study the past.

We aim for many cross-curricular links in our History lessons particularly with Literacy where we recognise the importance of stories to History teaching. Educational visits are a great opportunity for the teachers to plan for additional History learning outside the classroom using our local area, bringing History to life giving meaningful encounters with past times and places.

Additionally, Seamer and Irton CP School is situated in an area which is not greatly culturally diverse, therefore as a staff we are also passionate about ensuring our pupils understand the broad diversity and commonality of people, races, cultures and backgrounds from around the world and celebrate our similarities and differences. Therefore, in the Autumn Term, the whole school celebrates Black History Month.