HISTORY CURRICULUM STATEMENT

Intent

History is the study of past and present civilisations and people. At Hamilton Academy we believe that the children should develop a sense of identity and a cultural understanding based on historical heritage.

History at Hamilton Academy is concerned with stimulating the children's interest and understanding about the life of people who lived in the past and are living in the present. We aim to make use of the local area and its history; to develop pupils' sense of place in a wider world, and the place of the local community.
Within Hamilton Academy School, history plays an important part of teaching the children to understand how events in the past have influenced our lives today; we also teach the children to investigate these past events and, by so doing, develop the skills of enquiry, analysis, interpretation and problem solving.

Implementation

At Hamilton Academy School our intention is to continuously strive for quality teaching and learning of history. There are many opportunities for children to extend their learning in and out of the classroom through enquiry-based learning. This is delivered through:

- Topic days
- School trips in all year groups
- Interactive learning
- Role play activities and relating to local perspectives and environment
- Cross curricular activities - fiction books, maps, source materials.
- Making use of exciting resources such as photographs and videos

Impact

To measure the impact, we have key of year learning objectives and staff also use these as assessment statements. Staff are therefore fully aware of the expectations for all children. We use formative assessment in every History lesson. This information can then be used to inform their short-term planning to revisit and review learning.

Using historical language and ensuring how children then use this historical language indicates historical skills as well as knowledge. Cumulative quizzing at the start of every lesson based on their previous learning is an essential way of judging understanding and development in history.

Every topic in history at Hamilton Academy allows children to explore the impact of the past through a variety styles, such as: creative lessons, fact gathering lessons and research lessons. Combined together, they give all children an opportunity to develop their knowledge further.