



History Curriculum Statements

Intention

At North Star 180, we recognize the importance of history in shaping our understanding of the world and our sense of identity. The study of history allows students to make connections with their personal experiences and fosters curiosity about the past in both Britain and globally. By learning about the development of our world, country, culture, and local community over time, students gain insight into how the past continues to influence the present. History provides a framework for understanding significant events and individuals, helping students to develop a sense of identity and make informed decisions about their personal choices, attitudes, and values. Our intent at North Star 180 is to engage students' curiosity and enhance their knowledge, skills, and understanding of their community and the broader world through the teaching of history.

Implementation

Our school curriculum is designed in alignment with our school's vision to provide additional support to students from diverse backgrounds, regardless of their abilities or additional needs. We follow the National Curriculum, supported by clear skill and knowledge progression, while remaining flexible to cater to the individual needs of our students and keep them engaged. Many of our students have experienced significant gaps in their education, and our aim is to address these while delivering a challenging History curriculum that enhances their skills and understanding.

Our approach to teaching History goes beyond memorising facts from the past. Students have the opportunity to actively engage with History through outdoor lessons, field trips, guest speakers, and hands-on activities that allow them to experience historical events firsthand. This enables them to explore heritage sites, interact with expert historians, analyse a variety of historical evidence, and develop critical thinking skills that are applicable to their own lives and the information they encounter in the media.

We place a strong emphasis on connecting our curriculum to local History, making the subject more meaningful and relatable to our students. By understanding how local events have shaped our community, students can see the broader impact on the world. They will also have the chance to explore and compare a diverse range of historical perspectives, fostering empathy and a deeper understanding of different experiences.

Impact

By the time our pupils leave North Star 82, they will be curious and inquisitive historians who:

- Make connections between local history and the broader historical context of Britain and the world.
- Investigate and research significant historical events, figures, and eras.
- Critically analyse and interpret evidence to form their own informed opinions.
- Engage in discussions about various historical topics, considering their impact on the world and respecting diverse perspectives.
- Possess a strong understanding of chronology, both personally and on a global scale.
- Acquire historical knowledge that reflects their own identity and experiences.
- Gain insights into history that provide a glimpse into others' identities and experiences.