



History at Ludlow Primary School

Our Curriculum Drivers at Ludlow Primary School

Social Skills and Language

Global Identity

Aspirations, resilience and growth mindset

Physical and mental health and well-being

Our Core Values

Independence

Happiness

Honesty

Kindness

When Ludlow Primary School was created in 2019 from the amalgamation of Ludlow Infant and Ludlow Junior School, we had the exciting opportunity to consider our school community's needs and create a curriculum specifically tailored for them.

We have devised four drivers that run through our school curriculum. They are tailored to our pupil's specific needs and take account of the opportunities and challenges in the context of our school community and our pupils' lives.

These join with our core values to help children understand and appreciate the past in Britain and the world so they can develop into responsible, knowledgeable and caring international citizens of the 21st century

What History looks like in our school:

-  Opportunities to inspire children's curiosity about the past
-  A variety of activities to provide children with the opportunity to explore what happened in the past, encouraging them to think about why these events happened, and more importantly, what we can learn from them
-  Children working individually, in pairs and groups to develop key historical skills focusing on chronology, knowledge and understanding, historical interpretation, historical enquiry and organising and communicating their findings
-  Historical topics to provide children with a coherent knowledge of Britain's history and that of the wider world

This is our philosophy:

-  Children learning through exploration and enquiry
-  Children exploring how people lived in the past; looking for similarities and differences between different historical periods
-  Children learning about the past and thinking about the effect it has had and considering how it shapes the world we live in today
-  To provide children with a chronological awareness of our past

This is the knowledge and understanding gained at each stage:

By the end of EYFS pupils will:

-  Have had an opportunity to make sense of their physical world and their community through opportunities to explore, observe and find out about people, places and the environment.

By the end of Key Stage 1 pupils will:

-  Pupils should develop an awareness of the past, using common words and phrases relating to the passing of time.
-  They should 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. They should use a wide vocabulary of everyday historical terms.
-  They should ask and answer questions, choosing and using parts of stories and other sources to show that they know and understand key features of events.
-  They should understand some of the ways in which we find out about the past and identify different ways in which it is represented.

By the end of Key Stage 2 pupils will:

-  Pupils should continue to develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British, local and world history, establishing clear narratives within and across the periods they study.
-  They should note connections, contrasts and trends over time and develop the appropriate use of historical terms.
-  They should regularly address and sometimes devise historically valid questions about change, cause, similarity and difference, and significance.
-  They should construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection and organisation of relevant historical information.
-  They should understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.

This is how it works:

-  Each Year group has different historical skills to focus on. Each year group has developed their own 'I Can' statements to help assess the children in this area.
-  The children will then progress through the skills as they move up the school.
-  The skills are covered through carefully chosen topics that will enable the children to develop and use that skill.
-  By the time the children leave Year 6, they will have covered a wide range of historical skills and topics to really get the children engaged and enjoy their learning.
-  There may be a 'hook' to start the topic.
-  All children at Ludlow Primary School will get the opportunity to go on various trips to develop local, regional and global historical experiences.
-  Links with other areas of the curriculum are embraced to provide a more meaningful learning experience.
-  Lessons may be taught discretely or as a block of lessons.
-  Each half term an extended piece of writing is completed based on the current topic being taught.

This is what adults do:

-  Plan exciting progressive lessons which build on prior knowledge based on teaching a mixture of geographical skills and knowledge.
-  Regular book scrutiny, pupil perceptions and planning audits.
-  Whole school professional development.
-  Create a learning environment that stimulates children's interest in the period studied using artefacts, books, photographs and sources.
-  Opportunities for parents/grandparents to come in and share their experiences.

This is how we support:

-  Work might be differentiated so that all children are able to meet the learning objective.
-  Small group/1:1 adult support given where required.
-  We use teacher and self-assessment to quickly identify any child who requires additional support in specific areas.
-  These pupils will then receive additional support or resources to use.

This is how we challenge:

-  Lessons will be differentiated.
-  Additional activities to stretch the learning within the lesson.

This is how ensure all children can access the curriculum:

-  Children who have SEN or EAL needs are taught key vocabulary prior to/at the start of the topic.
-  Seating children alongside good role models to support one another.
-  By providing visual/practical prompts.
-  Teaching lessons using a range of different techniques to appeal to different learning styles e.g. videos, drama, artefacts, texts etc.

This is what you might typically see:

-  A 'hook' to get the children inspired (such as mystery packages to explore, treasure hunts even planned invasions!) followed by a way to showcase or round up their topic
-  Engaged learners
-  Children posing questions for research
-  Children interpreting and reflecting on historical events making comparisons between different events
-  Children exploring and handling artefacts
-  Recounts of key events
-  Children exploring different sources to help learn about what life was like and why people lived in the way that they did
-  Trips or visitors coming into school to provide children with an insight into a particular event or era

This is how we know how well our pupils are doing:

-  Lessons are planned based on historical skills which are specific for each year group.
-  Marking and feedback by teacher and peers.
-  Photographic and video evidence.
-  Displays of work in classes.
-  At the end of each half term, skills are highlighted according to whether a child has demonstrated that they have met a skill.
-  Assessment tracked at the end of each half term and entered onto our assessment tracking system.
-  Book scrutiny, pupil perceptions and planning audits.

This is the impact of the teaching:

-  Children who enjoy history.
-  Inquisitive learners.
-  Reflective learners.
-  Children who are able to demonstrate a variety of history skills.
-  Children who are prepared to share what they've learnt in a variety of ways.