

WELCOME TO:

History



At Monkwick Infants and Nursery school we know how important it is for the children to be historians and learn about their own history as well as significant events in history. We aim to provide our children with the highest quality lessons, and experiences to develop their skills of enquiry and investigation. Through our high-quality lessons, we can also build children's resilience and help to embed our school ethos of 'we respect, we achieve and we learn.'

The National Curriculum for history states that high quality teaching of history should allow children to have an understanding of Britain's past and that of the wider world. It should inspire children's curiosity to find out about the past. It should develop questioning skills, handling artefacts and the ability to think critically.

At Monkwick Infants we deliver the history curriculum through three topics covered throughout the year:

Guy Fawkes
Camulodunum (castles)
Florence Nightingale/Mary Seole



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In Nursery

Children will begin to make sense of their own life and family's history. Spend time with children talking about photos and memories. Encourage children to retell what their parents told them about their life story and family.

In Reception

- Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society;
- Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class;
- Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling.

In years 1 and 2

The lives of significant individuals in Britain's past who have contributed to our nation's achievements.

Key events in the past that are significant nationally and globally, particularly those that coincide with festivals or other events that are commemorated throughout the year.

Significant historical events, people and places in their own locality.

How can you help your child?

We know that our children are naturally inquisitive and enjoy learning about significant events and people of the past. Supporting your children to have an inquisitive mind by asking and answering questions as well exploring historical concepts they find interesting at home will help reinforce the historical concepts being learnt in school.

Useful Links:

Colchester castle museum

<https://colchester.cimuseums.org.uk/learn/>

BBC bitesize - Guy Fawkes

[Who was Guy Fawkes? - BBC Bitesize](#)

BBC bitesize Nurses

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zns9nrd>



What our children say about history at Monkwick Infant School!



'I enjoyed writing about Guy Fawkes. We were historians and learnt about how Guy Fawkes tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament.'

- Year 2 pupil

'We loved researching Camulodunum using the chrome books and found out so many interesting facts about Colchester'

- Year 2 pupil

'After we learnt about Colcheser castle I went to visit it and had a go at chariot racing.'- Year 2 pupil

'I enjoyed learning about Florence Nightingale, we wrote a report about her' - Year 1 pupil

'Florence Nightingale is a nurse who was special and helped the soldiers' - Year 1 pupil

'We learnt about Guy Fawkes, we know now why we celebrate on the 5th of November' - Year 1 pupil

'Castles have a drawbridge, we have a castle in Colchester which is where we live' - Year 1 pupil