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# Policy for History

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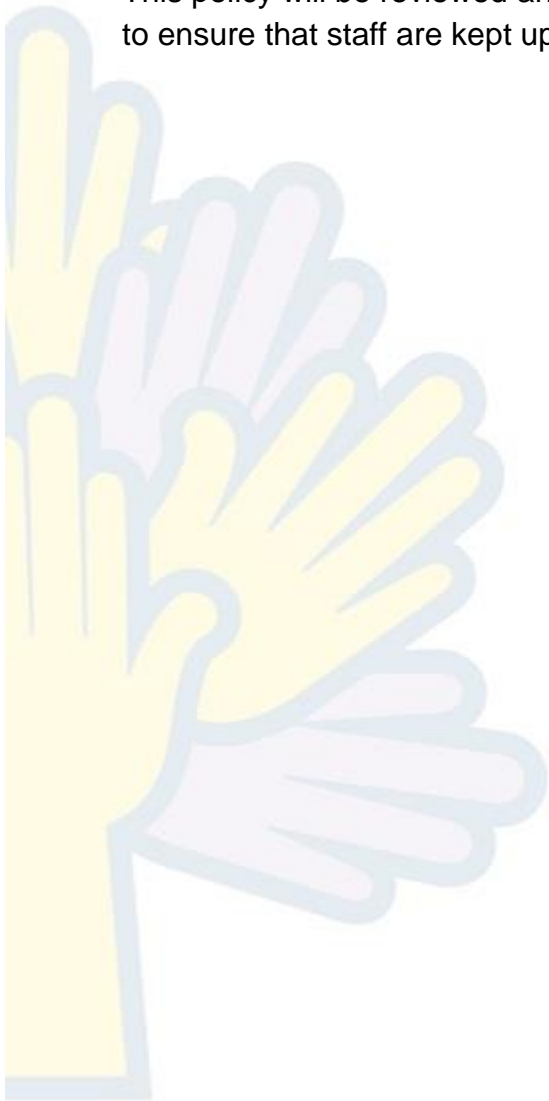
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children **CAN**

## Policy Consultation & Review

This policy is available on our school website and is available on request from the school office. We inform all parents about this policy and supply them with a parent one-page attendance overview when their children join our school and regularly thereafter through our school newsletter and other relevant opportunities.

We recognise the expertise our staff build by managing school attendance daily and we therefore invite staff to contribute to and shape this policy and associated attendance and safeguarding arrangements.

This policy will be reviewed annually to reflect any necessary changes required and to ensure that staff are kept up to date with expectations relating to History.



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## **1. Samuel Allsopp Primary and Nursery School Intent Statement**

At Samuel Allsopp Primary & Nursery School, our curriculum and all that we do intends to:

- Be supportive and inclusive of the needs for all learners
- Harness pupil independence & allows them to have a go at solving problems for themselves first
- Allow children to make their own 'informed' choices
- Develop their confidence
- Support them to be resilient and get into good habits for the future
- Prepare children for a life outside of school that enables them to make a positive contribution to British society
- Enable them to be proficient users of the English language – speaking and writing
- Widen their contextual vocabulary
- Work independently but also in teams
- Encourage children to go 'beyond their own normal' and experience new things
- Engage children in making a contribution and playing an active part
- Support parents to become active stakeholders in their child's learning
- Provide opportunities for the children to investigate, explore and play an active part in shaping their learning

## **2. Intent Subject Statement**

At Samuel Allsopp Primary and Nursery School we recognise that History lessons inspire pupils to be curious and creative thinkers who develop a complex knowledge of local and national history and the history of the wider world. We want pupils to develop the confidence to think critically, ask questions, and be able to explain and analyse historical evidence.

The Kapow scheme of work aim to build an awareness of significant events and individuals in global, British and local history and recognise how things have changed over time. History will support children to appreciate the complexity of people's lives, the diversity of societies and the relationships between different groups. Kapow Primary's History scheme aims to support pupils in building their understanding of chronology in each year group, making connections over periods of time and developing a chronologically-secure knowledge of History.

We hope to develop pupils' understanding of how historians study the past and construct accounts and the skills to carry out their own historical enquiries. In order to prepare pupils for their future learning in History, the scheme aims to introduce children to key substantive concepts including power, invasion, settlement and migration, empire, civilisation, religion, trade, achievements of humankind, society and culture.

It enables pupils to meet the end of Key stage attainment targets in the National curriculum and the aims also align with those set out in the National curriculum. For EYFS, the activities allow pupils to work towards the Understanding the world Development matters statements and Early learning goals, while also

covering foundational knowledge that will support them in their further history learning in Key stage 1.

## 2 National Curriculum Aims:

The National Curriculum for history aims to ensure that all pupils:

- know and understand the history of these islands as a coherent, chronological narrative, from the earliest times to the present day: how people's lives have shaped this nation and how Britain has influenced and been influenced by the wider world
- know and understand significant aspects of the history of the wider world: the nature of ancient civilisations; the expansion and dissolution of empires; characteristic features of past non-European societies; achievements and follies of mankind
- gain and deploy a historically grounded understanding of abstract terms such as 'empire', 'civilisation', 'parliament' and 'peasantry'
- understand historical concepts such as continuity and change, cause and consequence, similarity, difference and significance, and use them to make connections, draw contrasts, analyse trends, frame historically-valid questions and create their own structured accounts, including written narratives and analyses
- understand the methods of historical enquiry, including how evidence is used rigorously to make historical claims, and discern how and why contrasting arguments and interpretations of the past have been constructed
- gain historical perspective by placing their growing knowledge into different contexts, understanding the connections between local, regional, national and international history; between cultural, economic, military, political, religious and social history; and between short- and long-term timescales.

Key stage 1

Key stage 2

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/239035/PRIMARY\\_national\\_curriculum - History.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/239035/PRIMARY_national_curriculum_-_History.pdf)

## 3. Inclusion Statement

The Staff and Governors of Samuel Allsopp Primary and Nursery School believe that:

- Inclusion is an ongoing process by which the caring and learning environment is constantly monitored and adapted to meet the needs of all our pupils.
- All of our pupils are entitled to support in fulfilling their own potential in terms of academic, physical, cultural, social, emotional and moral development.
- We recognise that ALL our pupils are individuals with their own characteristics, strengths, weaknesses and learning needs.

- Our policies and practises will therefore, take account of the diverse needs and talents of our pupils.
- Pupils with additional emotional, social or learning needs should have access to high quality education and support appropriate to their needs.
- Pupils with Special Education Needs (SEND) should have access to high quality education and support appropriate to their needs.

## **4. Implementation**

In order to meet the aims of the National curriculum for History and in response to the Ofsted Research review into History, the following key strands have been identified:

### **Substantive knowledge strands**

- Topic knowledge
- Chronological awareness
- Substantive concepts

### **Disciplinary strands**

- Historical enquiry
- Disciplinary concepts

The Kapow lessons are designed to be varied, engaging and hands-on, allowing children to experience the different aspects of an historical enquiry. In each lesson, children will participate in activities involving disciplinary and substantive concepts, developing their knowledge and understanding of Britain's role in the past and that of the wider world. Children will develop their knowledge of concepts and chronology as well as their in-depth knowledge of the context being studied.

Guidance for how to adapt the teaching is available for every lesson to ensure that lessons can be accessed by all pupils and opportunities to stretch pupils' learning are available when required. Knowledge organisers for each unit support pupils in building a foundation of factual knowledge by encouraging recall of key facts, concepts and vocabulary. Strong subject knowledge is vital for staff to be able to deliver a highly-effective and robust history curriculum. Each unit of lessons focuses on the key subject knowledge needed to deliver the curriculum, making links with prior learning and identifying possible misconceptions. Kapow has been created with the understanding that many teachers do not feel confident delivering the History curriculum and every effort has been made to ensure that they feel supported to deliver lessons of a high standard.

### **Useful documentation to support implementation:**

National curriculum coverage document which shows which units cover each of the National curriculum attainment targets and aims, as well as showing cross-curricular links available.



Progression of skills and knowledge shows the skills and key knowledge that are taught within each year group and how these skills develop year on year to ensure attainment targets are securely met by the end of the key stage.  
Long Term and Medium-Term Plans

### **Health and Safety**

Health and safety in History is maintained to a high standard to ensure pupils and staff are protected from harm whenever possible. This includes both their physical and mental health, ensuring that Samuel Allsopp Primary and Nursery School complies with the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974.

Health and Safety awareness forms an integral part of pupils learning. Pupils must be taught to recognise hazards and take appropriate action. As necessary, risk assessments will be conducted to ensure that all potential risks and harms have been identified and to ensure that staff understand how to respond should an unexpected risk occur.

### **Remote Learning**

In the case of remote learning opportunities being necessary in the future, pupils at Samuel Allsopp Primary and Nursery School will continue to be taught History through live lessons, pre-recorded videos and online learning materials.


## **5. Impact**

The impact of Kapow Primary's scheme can be constantly monitored through both formative and summative assessment opportunities. Each lesson includes guidance to support teachers in assessing pupils against the learning objectives. Furthermore, each unit has a skill catcher and knowledge assessment quiz which can be used at the end of the unit to provide a summative assessment.

After the implementation of Kapow Primary History, pupils should leave school equipped with a range of skills to enable them to succeed in their secondary education. They will be enquiring learners who ask questions and can make suggestions about where to find the evidence to answer the question. They will be critical and analytical thinkers who are able to make informed and balanced judgements based on their knowledge of the past.

### **The expected impact of following the Kapow History scheme of work is that children will:**

- Know and understand the history of Britain, how people's lives have shaped this nation and how Britain has influenced and been influenced by the wider world.
- Develop an understanding of the history of the wider world, including ancient civilisations, empires, non-European societies and the achievements of mankind.

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- Develop a historically-grounded understanding of substantive concepts - power, invasion, settlement and migration, civilisation, religion, trade, achievements of mankind and society.
  - Form historical arguments based on cause and effect, consequence, continuity and change, similarity and differences.
  - Have an appreciation for significant individuals, inventions and events that impact our world both in history and from the present day.
  - Understand how historians learn about the past and construct accounts.
  - Ask historically-valid questions through an enquiry-based approach to learning to create structured accounts.
  - Explain how and why interpretations of the past have been constructed using evidence.
  - Make connections between historical concepts and timescales.
  - Meet the relevant Early Learning Goals at the end of EYFS (Reception) and the end of key stage expectations outlined in the National curriculum for History at the end of Key stage 1 and 2.

### **Feedback, Marking and Assessment:**

At Samuel Allsopp Primary and Nursery School feedback is given following the expectations of the Marking Policy.

Pupils are assessed on a lesson-by-lesson basis by teaching staff and lesson content is adapted accordingly. Every lesson begins with the 'Recap and recall' section which is intended to allow pupils retrieval practice of key knowledge relevant to the upcoming lesson. This section also provides teachers with an opportunity to make informal judgements about whether pupils have retained prior learning and are ready to move on.

At the end of each unit of work, children's understanding and retention of key knowledge is assessed using an assessment quiz with nine multiple choice questions and one open-ended question.

In addition, each unit uses either a skills or knowledge catcher, depending on the key strands covered in the unit. This can be used at the beginning and/or end of a unit and gives children the opportunity to further demonstrate their understanding of the key concepts covered. Assessment quizzes, and skills and knowledge organisers provide teachers with a record of summative assessment as evidence of progression throughout the year and as pupils move between key stages.

### **Monitoring and Review**

To ensure high standards of teaching and learning of History are maintained, the History Coordinator, will regularly monitor and review staff practice in accordance with this policy. This process will be conducted termly in line with the monitoring calendar.

Relevant data will be collected to enable monitoring processes to be conducted. This includes:



- classroom observations
- learning walks
- books looks
- pupil voice
- planning looks

To ensure that staff professional development is benefited by this process, the History Coordinator will ensure that any relevant training or development opportunities are made available. Individual staff members will be given relevant feedback and will be celebrated or supported to develop their practice accordingly.

## **Resources**

History resources are stored across both sites and will be reviewed by the History Coordinator throughout the year. Resources should be returned to the store cupboards after each lesson and teachers should inform the History Coordinator of any resources required in advance of the unit of work being taught and preferably at the start of the school year.

**Declaration that this policy has been submitted to Governors for perusal and approved for publication**

Signed:	Dated:
Mr Smith Head Teacher	

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Chair of Governors Mr Symons	

