

## **History - Aims**

We believe that history is important within the curriculum because it helps us to understand how the present has been shaped. It involves the important issues of human diversity and the differing beliefs, cultures and values of different people and societies. What we learn can influence our decisions, attitudes and values, and lead to a better understanding of ourselves as individuals and as members of society.

History is one of the National Curriculum Foundation subjects. This policy has been compiled by the teaching staff at St.Mary's to promote a consistent approach throughout the school.

The following will be implemented by each member of staff with the co-ordinator, Head teacher and Governing Body taking the overall responsibility.

### **Our aims**

We want our pupils to:

- make sense of and arouse interest in Britain's past and that of the wider world
- have a clearer understanding of the present, through learning about the past and as they mature to clarify their own attitudes and values in context
- appreciate the social, religious, political, cultural, and ethnic diversity of societies
- use a variety of sources and as the children mature to begin to critically question evidence
- develop the range and depth of their historical knowledge and understanding
- engage in the process of enquiry
- develop self-confidence through their own judgement