SMSC in

Social Development

Pupils will explore the similarities and contrasts between past and present societies and be made aware of how, in the main, we are very fortunate to live in 'the modern world' which links to our school value of thankfulness. They will examine how other cultures have had a major impact on the development of 'British' culture. Pupils will also be encouraged to build up their own social development through collaborative and team working activities. The study of social issues is a common theme in History lessons.

Examples of social development in History:

• Looking at how people may have been treated differently through history according to race, gender, physical ability and beliefs.

Spiritual Development

The study of History involves a sense of curiosity and the mystery of how and why events in the past happened and raises questions as to what could have happened if events had had different results. Artefacts are used to give pupils a sense of the past and aid pupils in understanding the people who produced and used these objects. Pupils are encouraged to explore the role played by important individuals, for good or ill, in the shaping of the world we live in. Pupils also reflect upon different interpretations of the past and how these interpretations have been arrived at.

Examples of spiritual development in History:

- Considering the impact of propaganda and bias in history.
- Developing as historians through handling artefacts and evaluating primary and secondary sources.
- Consider Courageous Advocates throughout history

Moral Development

Pupils are asked to consider and comment on moral questions and dilemmas. Events and beliefs in the past will often be at odds with what we would consider unacceptable today (and were to some people in the past also) Pupils will be encouraged to show compassion for people facing dilemmas and to empathise with decisions which people in the past made and the reasoning behind these decisions. Notions of right and wrong are explored in connection with events from the past, linking with the value of justice.

Examples of moral development in History:

- Exploring the treatment and persecution of minorities in Hitler's Germany .
- Exploring the reasons that people from another culture or historical period may have had for making moral and ethical decisions that we may now consider 'wrong'

Cultural Development

Pupils will study, and be encouraged to gain an understanding of and empathise with, people from different cultural backgrounds. They will examine how other cultures have had a major impact on the development of 'British' culture. Pupils develop a better understanding of our multicultural society through studying links between local, British, European and world history.

Examples of cultural development in History:

- British culture has been influenced by other cultures such as Ancient Greece, The Roman Empire, Vikings and Anglo-Saxons.
- British historical figures have influenced our culture, such as Guy Fawkes and George Stephenson