

## Why we teach Geography and History

Geography at The Croft provides the children with a means of exploring, appreciating and understanding the world in which we live and how it has evolved. It explores the relationship between the Earth and its people. It stimulates curiosity and imagination and builds upon the child's 'personal geography' by developing geographical skills, understanding and knowledge through studying places and themes. It also encourages children to learn through experience particularly through fieldwork and practical activities.

History at the Croft helps the children to gain a coherent knowledge and understanding of Britain's past and that of the wider world. It inspires the children's curiosity to know more about the past and equips them to ask perceptive questions, think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments, and develop perspective and judgement. It also helps the children to understand the complexity of people's lives, the process of change, the diversity of societies and relationships between different groups, as well as their own identity and the challenges of their time.

## Links to whole school improvement

Geography and History lessons at The Croft feed into the SDP and enable the children to access a range of opportunities and experiences whilst also accessing the curriculum. An action plan is put in place each year by the subject coordinator to ensure that the children are receiving a quality teaching and learning experience.

## When the leave the Croft they should be able to:

- To be competent in geographical skills, such as collecting, analysing, communicating and interpreting.
- To develop contextual knowledge of the location of places in the world, including terrestrial and marine.
- To understand physical and geographical features of the world.
- To know and understand the history of the UK from earliest times to the present day.
- To know how people's lives have shaped this nation.
- To know how Britain has been influenced by the wider world.
- To know and understand significant aspects of history in the wider world.
- To understand methods of historical enquiry.

## The Croft Primary School Intent, Implementation & Impact For Geography and History



## The Geography and History Curriculum at The Croft

At The Croft the Geography and History is taught through our creative curriculum topics. Each class has a different topic each term and there are 5 weekly creative curriculum lessons which include Geography and History as well as other subjects. In KS1 and KS2 Geography lessons focus upon locational knowledge, place knowledge, human and physical Geography as well as developing geographical and fieldwork skills.

In EYFS the children gain a wider experience of the world around them. In KS1 History lessons include changes within living memory, events beyond living memory and the lives of significant individuals. Some of our significant individuals are linked to British Values. In KS2 History lessons will include a development of a secure knowledge and understanding of British, local and world history. In the EYFS the focus is on history within their lifetime.

## Links to the wider community and extra curricular provision:

As Geography and History lessons at The Croft are delivered as part of a class topic the children take part in a variety of events in and out of school. These opportunities include termly visits to a variety of places in Staffordshire, such as Cannock Chase Museum and Selly Manor as well as local visitors, such as the Water Trust. There is also the opportunity to find out about particular areas of the world through our International days. These days enable the children to find out about the food, culture and lifestyle of the chosen country. The children also invite their parents in to take part in topic related workshops and they take part in half term homework projects.