

Embedding Diversity in our History Curriculum

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

KEY STAGE 1	Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME)	Gender Equality	Disability
<p>Changes within Living Memory</p>	<p>EYFS: Friends and family: Celebrating the children's diverse experiences. Festivals: Comparing different faiths and cultures. 'Holidays' topic (Year 2) Explores a diversity of experiences: not just a white, middle class view of the 1950s. 'My Family History' topic: what was life like for grandparents of all children in Year 1 celebrating any differences between their grandparents. Celebrate the culture of a diverse range of groups with regard to the following areas: music, food, traditions etc. Opportunities for oral histories and visits from grandparents.</p>	<p>Exploring the diverse roles played by women - not just within the home. Part of the Year 1 'Family History' topic.</p>	<p>EYFS: Friends and family – celebrating diversity through stories (Book Trust examples), photos, visitors, video clips (CBeebies resources including 'Everyone's Welcome').</p> <p>People Who Help Us topic – Guide Dog Trust Speaker.</p> <p>Traditional tales – linking disability with evil and pirates.</p>
<p>Significant People</p>	<p>EYFS: Range of non-fiction, significant people from diverse backgrounds. Stories from a diverse range of people from the past. For example the Year 2 'Greatest Explorers' topic looks at the stories of Ibn Battuta and Sunita Williams (astronaut). The 'Our Local Heroes' topic looks at significant people who have lived in Uxbridge.</p>	<p>Year 2 'Greatest Explorers' topic: Sunita Williams (astronaut).</p> <p>Year 2: Our Local heroes –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maud Ireland Button (artist) • Amy Johnson (pilot) 	<p>EYFS: Range of non-fiction, significant people from diverse backgrounds including those with disabilities. Famous People – Famous Lives: Louis Braille. Little People, Big Dreams: Helen Keller.</p> <p>Year 1 'Explorers' topic: Voyages of Christopher Columbus.</p> <p>Year 2 Local Heroes: Douglas Bader who overcame a double leg amputation to continue flying during WW2.</p>

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Significant events beyond Living Memory	KS1 briefly looks at the story of Windrush on National Windrush Day (22nd June). The children look at migration more broadly at KS2 as a post 1066 topic.		Year 2: Great Fire of London – diary of Samuel Pepys (stopped writing diary due to poor eyesight).
Local History	The ‘Our Local Heroes’ topic: William Wilberforce (1759-1833) was a leading campaigner in Parliament for the abolition of slavery. From 1824 to 1826. He lived in Uxbridge. Pupils are given the opportunity for individual research: local heroes.	Year 2: Our Local Heroes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maud Ireland Button (artist) • Amy Johnson (pilot) 	Year 2 Local Heroes: Douglas Bader who overcame a double leg amputation to continue flying during WW2. Maud Ireland Button (artist) – suffered with mental illness.
KEY STAGE 2	Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME)	Gender Equality	Disability
British History Stone- Age to 1066	Roman Britain (Year 4): Teaching reflects the diversity within the army & population as a whole e.g. North African legion in Aballava, Hadrian’s Wall. Study of Emperor Septimius Severus. Concept of slavery through the Romans. Anglo-Saxons (Year 5): Diversity at trade ports & surrounding areas.	Explore the diverse role of women within the societies studied and across social class e.g. Boudicca.	Yr5 Vikings: Ivar the Boneless and Odin.
Ancient Civilizations/Ancient Greece	The Ancient Egyptians (Year 4): Offers an opportunity to discuss slavery, as does the Ancient Greeks topic (Year 6). This is developed further at KS3 (Empire topic).	Role of women in different societies including as rulers: Egypt Nefertiti & Hatshepsut. Within Ancient Greece: different role of women within the city-states and at different periods in time. Agnodice – First female doctor in Ancient Athens. Cynisca – Spartan princess and athlete – first woman to win the Olympic Games.	Achievements of the Ancient Greeks – Olympic Games – Paralympic games today. Athens: evidence of a welfare state. Sparta: abandonment of the ‘deformed and sickly’. King Tutankhamun – evidence found in his tomb including canes.

			Egyptian History Mystery: Prosthetic big toe.
World History	Study of the Maya Civilisation and their culture & achievements.	Maya Civilisation including the role of women.	
Post 1066 British history option	Year 5 'Journeys' topic: Exploring the theme of migration into Britain by different societies (post 1066 study). Voyage of the Empire Windrush and an exploration of refugees. Kinder transport – Frank Meisler (Sculpture erected at the main Railway Station of Gdansk depicting the departure of the Jewish children).	Year 4 Crime and Punishment topic: Study of a local suffragist and the story of Princess Duleep Singh. Year 5: The story of Vera Schaufeld (refugee).	Suffragette Rosa May Billinghurst – imprisoned in 1918. Remembrance Day – casualties of war.
Local History	Year 5 'Journeys' topic: Exploring the theme of migration into Britain by different societies linking with the experiences of our pupils (many from Eastern Europe). Role of the Polish Airforce in WW2 (based at RAF Uxbridge). Empire soldiers in the First & Second World Wars	Contribution of women during WW1 and WW2. Story of members of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAFs) at the Uxbridge RAF bunker. Includes a visit to the bunker and exhibition.	Year 6 Impact of WW2: History of the Paralympic games - Stoke Mandeville Games 1948. Local Hero: Douglas Bader who overcame a double leg amputation to continue flying during WW2. Hillingdon House – former hospital for casualties of war during WW1.
Enrichment Experiences	Celebrate Black History Month Use of texts e.g. Coming to England by Floella Benjamin	Women's History Month (1 st March). Remembrance Day- women's contribution to the war effort (follow up work in Year 6).	Disability in History Week (work on the Paralympic Games). Includes a visit from a Paralympic athlete, a range of inclusive sports and activities looking at the History of the games. Visit to Hillingdon House (former WW1 hospital – casualties of war).

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