

Why is History important at Oasis Academy Putney?

'The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future.' Theodore Roosevelt

At Oasis Academy Putney we want all our pupils to have an understanding of the past and how history will shape their future. We believe that through high quality history lessons pupils will be equipped to ask perceptive questions, think critically, weigh evidence, generate arguments, develop chronological understanding and form their sense of perspective.

Above all this, we want our pupils to be passionate about history. As well as developing children's knowledge and understanding of the past, we believe that it is important for children to understand how the past influences our lives today and to encourage them in having discussions on how to make better decisions today for a better future.

What is our vision for History at Oasis Academy Putney?

Our History curriculum aims to excite the pupils and allow them to develop their skills as historians.

History is taught at Oasis Academy Putney so pupils can understand the society they live in: both heritage-rich London, and the wider national and international stage. They will learn how the 21st century world came to be, learning from humanity's mistakes and celebrating past generations' achievements.

With this learning, we trust they will realise the strong connections between themselves and the past, and use their knowledge and understanding of that past to forge themselves a bright, happy future as global citizens.

How is History taught at Oasis Academy Putney?

We aim to bring History to life through drama, projects, interacting with visitors and handling real-life artefacts. We teach through themes and topics that allow for a cross-curricular approach and actively motivate pupils to ask 'why'.

The youngest children at Oasis Putney learn about historical events that happened closest to the present year. As the pupils progress through the years, their History learning delves deeper and further into the past. Throughout each key stage the learning will always use the pupils as a starting point and links and comparisons to our lives, in the present day, will be explored.

What do children think about History at Oasis Academy Putney?

"Rosa Parks made a difference for black and white people."
Reception child

"I loved learning about dinosaurs."
Year 1 child

"I like learning about the olden days."
Year 2 child

"I like learning facts about the past and about how different things were made in the past."
Year 3 child

"I had fun when we re-enacted the Battle of Hastings because it helped us to feel what it was really like for the soldiers!"
Year 4 child