

History

Here at Whetstone, we follow a Creative Curriculum. This means we have adopted a topical approach when teaching parts of the curriculum that link well together. Each year group has 3 topics per academic year (one per term). These topics consist of 1 Geography based topic and 2 History based topics. Prior to introducing a new topic, teachers find out what children already know about the topic and what they would like to find out over the course of the term. The children's thoughts are then taken into account when planning the topic. At Whetstone, we have found that the creative curriculum builds learners' skills and knowledge as they continue to progress, placing child led enquiry at the heart of our school. We place a strong emphasis on developing creativity in all areas of the curriculum and prioritise independence in learning in order to encourage all children to make their own choices and gain a thirst for knowledge. At our school, we have found our children are excited by their learning and are able to develop a wide range of skills that they will be able to carry with them through to adulthood.

History Topics at Whetstone:

Year 1	Brilliant Bears and Terrific Toys	Castles, Knights and Dragons
Year 2	Fire! Fire! The Great Fire of London and the Gunpowder Plot	Up Up and Away (NASA development, first flight, life of Neil Armstrong)
Year 3	The Ancient Egyptians	From Stone Age to Iron Age
Year 4	The Roman Empire	The Ancient Greeks
Year 5	The Anglo Saxons	The Mayans
Year 6	Vicious Vikings!	World War II