**A St John’s Historian**

***‘Children are a gift from the Lord’ (Psalm 127 v.3)***

**The vision of our school**

***St. John’s is a caring, Christian community striving to support its members to achieve their God given potential. Exploring our unique gifts and raising aspirations, we prepare our children for the challenges of the modern world. Following Jesus’ example, we seek to grow good people who can make a difference.***

**A Vision Statement for History**

History fires pupils’ curiosity about the past in Britain and the wider world. All pupils benefit from a rich History curriculum presented in an imaginative manner with lots of opportunities for first-hand experiences, visits and visitors.

The History units of work ensure the accumulation of knowledge, behaviours, and skills that offer both progression and challenge as the children move through St. John’s (see ‘Progression of Skills Knowledge Map’). Pupils are given many opportunities to demonstrate their **cultural** awareness, knowledge and competence during their history studies.

We recognise that each and every children is a ‘…gift from the Lord’ consequently, developing and supporting every child in our care: spiritually, morally, socially, culturally and intellectually to become the best that they can be is fundamental to all that we do. We want our children to have the desire to aspire and achieve whatever they want in the world.

As with all curriculum subjects, our school’s Christian vision drives all of our learning.

**God in our Lives**

Our school is a safe place where curious children feel they can discuss and develop their understanding. Through the History study units pupils explore the diversity of human experience, and understand more about themselves as individuals and members of society.

Pupils consider how the past influences the present, what past societies were like, how these societies organised their politics, and what beliefs and cultures influenced people’s actions. Children are given the opportunity to find out about inspirational people who demonstrated great courage in their lives to make a difference to ours.

**Ignite your fire**

We ignite a passion and curiosity for learning by providing a rich and engaging History curriculum to inspire all learners to be the best that they can be. Children are provided with opportunities to research, sift through evidence, and argue for their point of view – skills that are prized in adult life. There are also many opportunities to visit sites of importance in the local area or invite visitors into school to help us to find out more.

We seek to grow good people who can make a difference to the world around them. Our History study units provide many opportunities to ‘meet’ individuals who were born into ordinary families but went on to make an extraordinary difference to the world around them.

For example, Macclesfield father and Daughter William and Marianne Brocklehurst, who used their considerable wealth to support and enrich the life of the town’s people.

**Family**

At St John’s we help our children to be tolerant and responsible citizens by developing their understanding of the contribution different civilizations played, not just in the UK, but across the world.

They will recognise the importance of being respectful compassionate and kind friends through understanding human achievements and experiences throughout the world and understanding the contribution of many different faith groups throughout history.

**Truth**

Through discussion and debate they will develop a sense of justice for all, recognising that all of God’s children should be valued. Teachers will teach the children how to disagree well – a powerful life skill!

Throughout their History lessons, the children will find out about some truly remarkable individuals who had the courage to be true to themselves, to stand up for others and do what they believe is right.