



Curriculum Intent Statement: Topic

The National Curriculum is the fundamental basis of our curriculum at Woodlands; the curriculum coverage, content and progression of knowledge and skills are outlined in detail in our long-term and medium-term planning documents. We believe in educating the whole child and as such, this curriculum in this subject also enhances these core elements:

	<p><u>Humankind:</u> By studying the history of the UK and the wider world we are given a greater understanding of what it means to be humans. Looking at the events of the past allow us to see why societies and cultures are shaped the way they are and how this has effect the people within them. When we look at the geographical side of Topic, it lets us see how people have been able to adapt and change to live in the environment around them and how they have adapted the land to meet their needs.</p>
	<p><u>Place:</u> Geography is the best place to start when looking at places. The world is made up of unique and different places, filled with diverse and exciting things. By looking at places around the world and investigating things such as landmass, bio-diversity, oceans and mountains we gain a deeper understanding of the way this has shaped the societies which live there.</p>
	<p><u>Comparison:</u> Through comparison we can look at how life has changed throughout the ages and begin to ask more and more intriguing questions. How much do we have in common with the Ancient Greeks? What did the Victorians do which we still do now? Also, by comparing different land types and environments we can begin to discover why we have such great breadth and diversity across our planet.</p>
	<p><u>Significance:</u> History is all about the significance, be it people, places, events or discoveries. By looking at the significant events of the past we can make links to how they have shaped the world we live in today; it may be as far back as the invention of the wheel or more recent as the internet. How much would our lives be effected if these had not been discovered?</p>
	<p><u>Change:</u> Nothing can stay the same for too long and by looking at the history of a place, a people or even an everyday item we can see how things have changed and developed over time. History shows us when and why changes were made (such as the invention of plastic changing packaging or the effects of WWII on the world). A deepening understanding of change over time allows a better understanding of life now.</p>