



## Characteristics of a Historian

*"We are not makers of history. We are made by history."*

**Martin Luther-King Jr**

### At Stocksbridge Junior School, we are historians!

At Stocksbridge Junior School, every child is a historian. We want all our pupils to know that every time they engage in the study of History, they are thinking like a historian. We believe that by studying History, this helps them to understand how events in the past made things the way they are today; learning lessons from the past, not only teaches us about our own history, but it also develops society's ability to avoid repeating the same mistakes and thereby creating a better future for all. Through the study of History, our pupils come into contact with other cultures and societies and gain a broader understanding of the world as it is today and their place within it.

### As historians, we have...

- An excellent knowledge and understanding of people, events, and contexts from a range of historical periods and of historical concepts and processes.
- The ability to think critically about history and communicate ideas very confidently in styles appropriate to a range of audiences.
- The ability to consistently support, evaluate and challenge their own and others' views using detailed, appropriate and accurate historical evidence derived from a range of sources.
- The ability to think, reflect, debate, discuss and evaluate the past, formulating and refining questions and lines of enquiry.
- A passion for history and an enthusiastic engagement in learning, which develops their sense of curiosity about the past and their understanding of how and why people interpret the past in different ways.
- A respect for historical evidence and the ability to make robust and critical use of it to support their explanations and judgments.
- A desire to embrace challenging activities, including opportunities to undertake high-quality research across a range of history topics.

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