



# H I S T O R Y



## **INTRODUCTION:**

History is the interpretation of what are considered to be significant human activities in the past and the process by which these activities are selected, investigated and analysed. History is not the story of the past but rather our attempt to reconstruct and interpret elements of the past which are of interest to us. History gives children a knowledge of past human experiences at family, local, national and international levels. Pupils also develop an understanding, appropriate to their age, of time and chronology, change and continuity, cause and effect. They acquire skills appropriate to their developmental stages so that they may interpret evidence in a critical way. Historical themes and topics develop empathy with other people and a deeper understanding of past and current social, political and economic interactions

## **WHAT DO WE LEARN ABOUT?**

In St Tiernan's we examine key moments from history and the effect they have had on our modern lives. The topics we cover range from the Stone Age right up until modern Irish and International society.



## **Other key topics include:**

Archaeology, Vikings, renaissance, Reformation, Exploration, Plantations, Irish History, European History, America and the world, Russian Revolution, WWI, WWII, Vietnam, Northern Ireland etc....

## JUNIOR CYCLE

History is mandatory at Junior Cycle level and students all study at a common level. Our Junior Cycle students will complete two classroom based assessments. These are projects that encourage students to take ownership over their own learning and contribute to their overall Profile of Achievement.

## SENIOR CYCLE

History is optional at senior cycle but it is highly recommended. Our students get to examine and analyse the key moments in recent history that have shaped the society we live in. Leaving Cert students will also complete a research project of their choosing which is an excellent opportunity for them to follow their passion and practice self lead education

## SCHOOL TRIPS

We in the History department love to explore!



We take every opportunity to get out and experience history for ourselves!

