

# History

All children – regardless of gender, starting point or background – will have the opportunity to engage with a high-quality history education. They will be equipped with the knowledge, skills and vocabulary to ask perceptive questions, think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments and develop perspective and judgement, to provide an understanding of chronology, knowledge of significant individuals and events. We intend to inspire a sense of enjoyment and curiosity about history.

## Local British History (Lion Salt Works)

Spring 1

### Igniting Prior Knowledge:

The Roman Empire made its mark on Britain.

### New Knowledge:

- Salt-making in Northwich dates back over 2000 years, when the salt towns of Cheshire were first established by the Romans.
- The Romans exploited the brine pits because salt was a precious and expensive natural commodity, used to preserve food and trade.
- Originally, salt was extracted from the ground by a series of natural brine pits.
- In 1856 John Thompson Senior (1790-1867) and John Thompson Junior (1821-1899) constructed the Alliance Salt Works on the eastern side of the Lion Salt Works site.
- In 1894, Henry Ingram Thompson, constructed a new salt works that became known as the 'Lion Salt Works'.
- The Lion Salt Works was a historic open-pan salt making site, in the village of Marston, close to Northwich.
- The Lion Salt Works impacted on the local community, economy and the environment.
- In 1875, the Anderton Boat Lift was built to connect the River Weaver and the Trent and Mersey canal.
- Much of the open-pan salt works in Northwich developed along the line of the Trent and Mersey Canal. The early Lion Salt Works relied on the canal network to transport salt along the canal to the Anderton Boat Lift and down the River Weaver.

### Where does it fit in?

