

Humanities Week at Moorlands



October 2017



The whole school enjoyed taking part in a special humanities themed week this week, doing lots of history and geography work linked to our topics.

Year 3 learnt about the Romans, we have been learning about why the Romans were so successful in conquering many countries. This included researching the army and the tactics they used. In addition, we learnt about their way of living which included: food; jobs and Roman Gods.

We also looked at the impact the Romans had on Britain which is still evident today.

Year 4 have been immersed in Anglo Saxon history through their interactions with Ulf and Dud - the Anglo Saxon free-men, who visited on Monday. We've mapped the movements of different groups through time. We learnt about the rise of King Vortigern, before a rebellion led by the Saxon mercenaries Hengist and Horsa. We've looked at the skills and trades of the Anglo Saxons and how communities were formed through alliances and trades, and how power was fought for in fierce battles. We've produced some fantastic work in our Humanities books to pull everything together - mapping the Kingdoms, learning about place names and thinking about why King Alfred was so great. It's been a thoroughly enjoyable week.

In WN we have had a wonderful time learning about the Romans this week. In maths we have been using Roman numerals and making our own clock faces. While baking Roman bread, we have measured accurately in grams and millilitres.

We have read the story, Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit, acted out the story using mime and freeze frames and rewritten it as a group. We have learnt about volcano works and Mount Vesuvius.

One of our favourite activities was making our own Roman helmets which we have worn when learning to march like a Roman soldier. We finished our week off by sharing our Roman bread with our parents, while playing some Roman games (marbles and jacks) and showing off all of our fabulous work to them.

We are all really proud of everything we have achieved this week and have all worked extremely hard whilst having lots of fun.

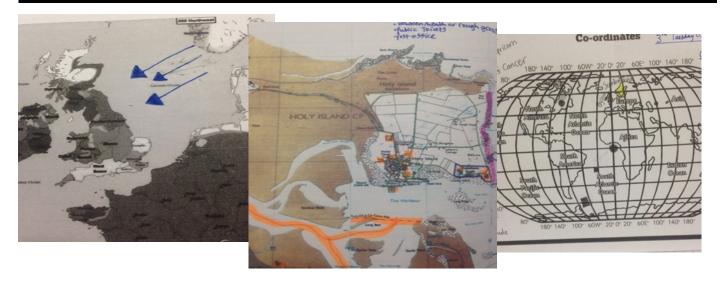




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In year 5 this week we have looked at the Viking era and looking back even further to the Sutton Hoo enquiry. We flowed through time chronologically learning about when the Vikings sailed over from Scandinavia and raided Lindisfarne and destroyed their monasteries. This allowed us to look at various maps, of Lindisfarne, the United Kingdom, Europe and the world, learning about longitude and latitude. We learnt about the Viking invasion of York and how Alfred the Great kept the Vikings at bay. On Thursday we designed a Viking longboat and on Friday we constructed our boats using wood and other materials with the hope that they would float.

In Year 6, we have started to learn about World War Two. We opened with the famous speech from the then Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain, who announced to the country that Britain was at war with Germany and from that, 6G created newspaper reports on the outbreak of war. We also looked at the events of Dunkirk and The Blitz and the local areas affected by it. 6C created newspaper reports about The Manchester Christmas Blitz. This led to us making Anderson shelters and art work linked to the scenes of The Blitz. We also created a biography on Hitler or Churchill. This topic will continue into our English lessons for the next few weeks as we continue to study 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'.

