



Humanities Week at Moorlands



January 2019



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

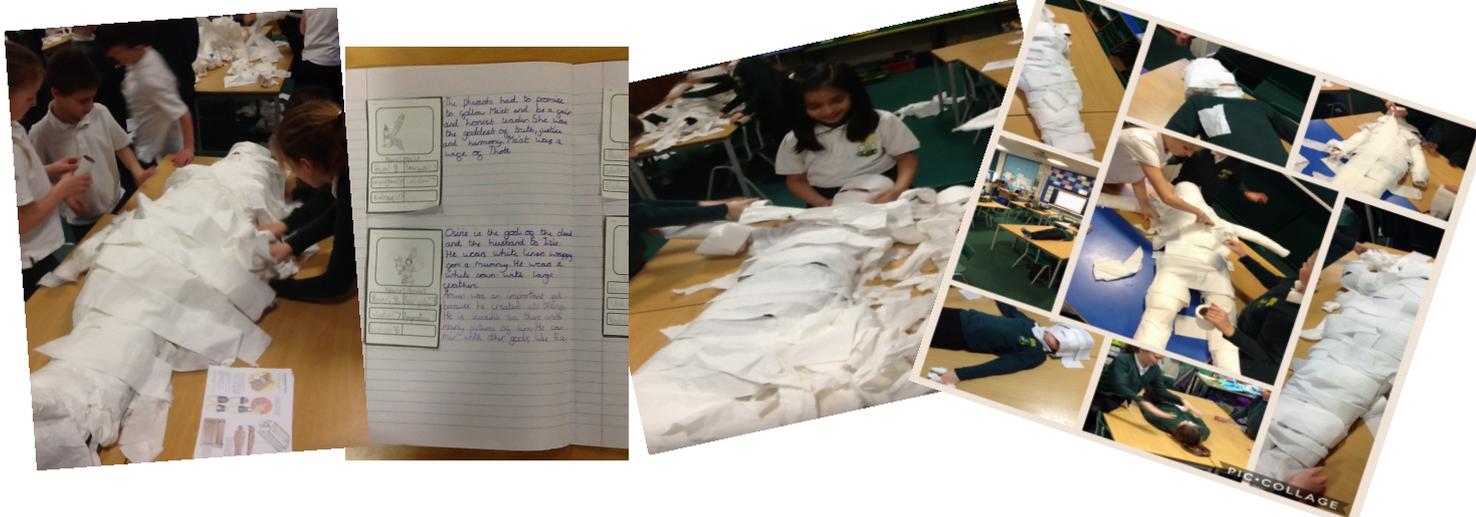
The topics have included: the Egyptians, the Stone Age, Ancient Greeks and World War 2.

In year 3, children have looked at the three periods of the Stone Age (Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic) and the progress that was made. They had a chance to look at artefacts and discuss what materials they were made from and what they could have been used for. They also looked at how they lived and the development of technology. In addition, they created models of Stonehenge using cardboard, glue and tissue paper. They have also briefly looked at the progress from the Stone age to the Bronze and Iron Ages. In Geography they looked at how to use the 8 points of a compass and name and locate geographical regions of the UK & their identifying physical and human characteristics.

Year 4 have been doing an in depth study of Ancient Egypt. They have been mapping Egypt and comparing the physical characteristics of the surrounding

countries. They been looking at the climate of the countries that fall on the line of the equator and in between the tropics. In addition, they have researched the importance of the River Nile and its many uses (transport, growing crops etc). Furthermore, they have been writing a set of instructions on how to make a mummy and researching the many pharaohs and Gods. They have also been looking at artefacts and asking questions to find out about them.

In WN we have been busy finding out about Ancient Egypt. We have learnt lots about the human and physical features of the country and the reasons why the river Nile was so important. All of the children have enjoyed acting out the Egyptian creation story and found the unusual Gods fascinating. We were amazed by the size and construction of the pyramids and other Egyptian buildings and particularly enjoyed the gruesome aspects of embalming and mummification.





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This week in Year 5 we have been learning about the Ancient Greeks. We kicked off our week with an artefact session where we handled and reflected on what these objects taught us about life in the Ancient Greek time.

We have learnt about the physical and human Geography of the country, learning about the different cities, and compared what life was like if you were from Athens versus Sparta.

We have studied the historical timeline of Ancient Greece and their belief system, researching the different Greek Gods.

We have looked into the Ancient Olympics, comparing it to the Modern Olympics and even took part in our own version of the games.

Finally, the children had a great time taste-testing lots of Greek food and everyone managed to taste something new and different.

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. From that, Year 6 created newspaper reports on the outbreak of war. Children also created chronological time lines of the major events within the war. We also studied the geographical areas involved within the war and where they were identified using our mapping skills.

We also looked The Blitz and the local areas affected by it. Children created detailed information PowerPoints about The Blitz. Also children made Anderson Shelters, Spitfires and Lancaster Bombers within our art work, which was linked to the scenes of The Blitz. This topic will continue into our English lessons for the next few weeks as we continue to study 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'.

