



Humanities Week at Moorlands



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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 Romans; the Vikings; the Anglo Saxons and WW2.

Year 3 have learnt about the Romans; looking at why they were so successful in conquering many countries, specifically the United Kingdom. This included researching the army and the warfare tactics they used. Y3 have also looked at maps, labelling countries and territories occupied by the Romans. The children also elected their own class emperor, writing their own speeches explaining why they should be elected.

The children have also learnt about their way of living; the food they ate, the jobs they held and how Roman roads were constructed. One of our favourite activities was designing and

making our own Roman shields which we have used when learning to march like a Roman soldier.

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

Year 4 have been learning about Anglo Saxons. On Monday, we were fortunate enough to have two Anglo Saxon men in school, teaching the children about the Anglo Saxon era. Children learnt about woollen clothing, basic villages, battle formations and weapons. Children also learnt about the different kings and how Modern Britain has changed due to the Anglo Saxons.

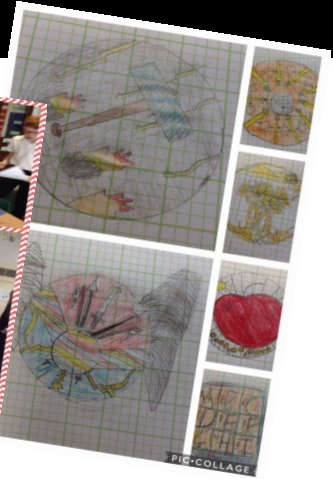




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This week in year 5, we have asked ourselves some key questions to help us understand more about the Vikings. We thought carefully about our image of the Vikings, looking at stereotypes and why we might think that Vikings are just brutal warriors and focusing on why the Vikings had gained such a bad reputation. We then moved on to think about how the Vikings tried to take over the country and how close they came to succeeding. We looked at settlement types and names – it was really interesting researching the different towns in the UK and which names derived from Viking times. We enjoyed learning facts about the Viking Gods and creating brooches for them. Towards the end of the week we looked at Lindisfarne and learnt about OS mapping, using this area as our focus for this.

WN have been learning about World War Two this week. Miss Harrison and Mrs Wood have been astounded by the knowledge and enthusiasm from the children. We have learnt about the many different stages of the war and were shocked

by just how long our World War Two time line was! We felt very sorry for the children who were evacuated and were

interested in how people coped with rationing of food and clothing. The children have baked a chocolate cake, following a wartime recipe that had some unusual ingredients including vinegar. We have really enjoyed dressing up as a person from the war, learning some of the wartime songs and have had a great V.E Day party to celebrate the end of the war!

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.

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'.

