

History Pupil Voice

Two pupils from each year group were interviewed from Year One to Year Six and shared their written work they have completed in their topic books. The children were very proud sharing their written work and were very enthusiastic. It was a pleasure speaking to the children and their enthusiasm for the subject.

What is History?

KS1 children could talk about History, knowing it is about the past. They knew History is when you learn about significant people and events. KS2 children could also talk about this, but they also knew how people and events have had an impact on the evolving world.

Do you enjoy History lessons?

Every child stated that they enjoyed History lessons. Most children stated that lessons were fun and interesting. Some children mentioned:

- learning about our monarchy
- lessons are fun and interactive
- how famous people did things and invented things, leading to the world evolving.
- learning about major events and how that has had an impact on today's world

Does your teacher enjoy teaching History?

All the children stated that their teachers did enjoy teaching History. They stated that their teachers had lots of knowledge and used interesting PowerPoints and video clips to help them understand events from the past and how famous people have helped the world evolve.

What have you learned in History this year?

Year 1 - Marie Curie, Grace Darling, Florence Nightingale, Remembrance

Year 2 - Queens Victoria, Albert Museum, Rosa Parks, Remembrance

Year 3 - Stone Age, Remembrance

Year 4 - Anglo-Saxons, Thomas Edison, Remembrance

Year 5 - Victorians, Remembrance

Year 6 - Mayans, Remembrance

Why is it important to learn about History?

Most children knew that learning about History has had an impact on the world today and has made it a better place. An example of this is a KS1 child stated if Florence Nightingale didn't make changes our hospitals could still be dirty today. A KS2 child talked about Remembrance and WW2 and how it was a significant event in History and how we now remember sacrifices people made.

What makes a good History teacher?

Children spoke about how interesting the use of PowerPoint and researching on iPads has helped them understand the past. They stated their teachers have lots of knowledge.

Impact

All children clearly enjoy their History lessons and could recall lots of facts they have learnt. They could talk about how events and people have helped the world evolve and how this has a positive impact on life today. They enjoy interesting PowerPoint presentations and KS2 children like

completing research on iPads to support their learning. The children could talk about the topic they covered in the autumn term and some children could recall and talk about topics they had learnt about in previous years and make links. There were clearly cross curricular links and a lovely example of this was History being taught through art. There were lots of examples of creative writing links too , writing job descriptions, planning food menus, diary entries etc... Some children also made links to Christianity stating clearly why we recognise and respect Remembrance every year and why this is important being a church school.

Quotes from the children

Year 1 - 'Grace Darwin was brave saving the people in her boat. I would have been scared'.

Year 2 - 'Rosa Parks was the first person to stand up to a white person. If she didn't do that nothing would have changed'.

Year 3 - 'I enjoyed designing a Stone Age menu but wouldn't like to eat nettles!'

Year 4 - 'I enjoyed learning about Remembrance and showing respect'.

Year 5 - 'I loved looking at the Victorian toys and how they are different to my iPad'.

Year 6 - 'I really enjoyed learning about the Mayans. They used symbols for numbers'.