Curriculum Update

This edition is all about **History**

History at Acomb

History at Acomb Primary School is about inspiring children with a curiosity about people, places and events from the past. Children will study a range of different historical periods. They will consider continuity and change over time, cause and consequence of key events alongside comparing similarity and difference to life today.

The Historical Skills informing our lessons are:

- Historical knowledge
- Chronology
- Interpretation of History
- Historical Enquiry
- Organisation and Communication

Historical Enquiry

Historical enquiry is at the heart of our curriculum. We provide opportunities for children to develop knowledge and understanding by posing questions about the past, and applying skills associated with locating, analysing, evaluating and using sources of evidence to develop an informed argument or interpretation. Historical investigations, hands on experiences, visitors and trips, give our children opportunities to develop enquiring minds and an appreciation for the past.

AUTUMN TERM

Y1/2 studied the **Great Fire of London**.
This topic culminated in building and setting fire to model houses to see how quickly the fire spread!

Y3/4 studied **Pre-historic Britain.**
Children engaged in Historical enquiry by examining sources of evidence and even dissected Stone Age 'poo' to work out what people ate in pre-historic times!

Y5/6 studied **The Victorians.**
Children used primary and secondary sources to find out about Queen Victoria, the Industrial revolution, Railways and living conditions in Victorian Britain.

SPRING TERM

Y1/2 are looking at **How we used to live** with a focus on houses and objects from around the home. There will soon be a visit to Harewood house to look at homes through time.

Y3/4 are studying **Ancient Egypt.**
Children have learnt about hieroglyphics, pyramids, mummification, and Tutankhamun. As a cross-curricular link, they have enjoyed drawing, painting and making their own 2D and 3D masks.

Y5/6 are studying **Word War II.**
Local historians, Nick Beilby and John Shaw, will soon be talking to the children about the impact of WWII and the effects of the bombing raids in York. There will also be a visit from Ken Cooke who served as a soldier during WWII in the Normandy Landings. He will share his memories with the children and give them the opportunity to ask questions about what it was like to be part of this period of history.

SUMMER TERM TOPICS

Y1/2: The British Monarchy, Local History (Acomb High Street)
Y3/4: Ancient Greece
Y5/6: Life in Britain since 1945

Did you know?

York is one of the oldest cities in the UK

It is an ancient and walled city with more than 2,000 years of rich heritage. In Roman times, York was known as Eboracum. The Roman headquarters and fortress stood where the York Minster is today. In Viking times, York was called 'Jorvik'.

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