

What do pupils think about History and Geography at Millfields?



Autumn 2019

Education Champions and School Councillors in each class were asked the following questions in Autumn 2019.

What have you learnt in History or Geography this term?



What was the most memorable lesson this term?

What makes the lessons memorable?

What could make your topic lessons even better?

Year 1 – Me and My World

Me & My World was all about different types of places in the world. Now we are in London. We went on a trip to the centre of London and we saw Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and the London Eye. They are called landmarks.



We made family trees to show some of the places our families come from.

We learned about the countries in the United Kingdom. They are England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Northern Ireland has the Giant's Causeway. It was fun learning some of the things that makes them all different.



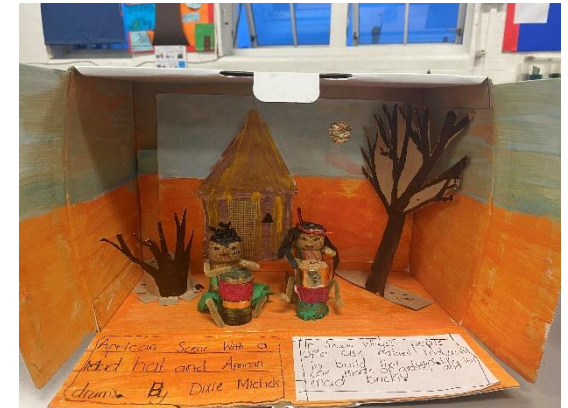
Year 2 – Africa Uncovered

Africa is a continent with 54 countries.

Africa has the River Nile which is the longest river in Africa.



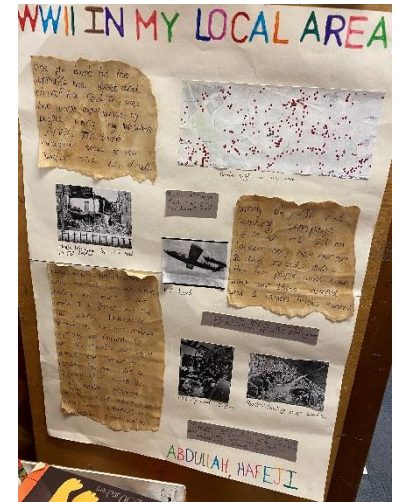
Sometimes we make things to help us learn more about the topic we're learning. We made woven baskets and an African pancake from Ghana that was made with plantain.



My favourite thing about topic lessons is the writing we do. I think topic could be better if we could learn even more everyday.

Year 3 – World War II

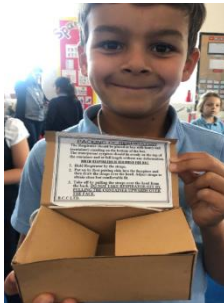
This has been my favourite topic ever in school. I really liked making the gas mask boxes. It was actually quite challenging, which I like. My favourite part of the whole topic was making the Blitz art silhouette picture because I used lots of skills like drawing, cutting, painting and even thinking about what buildings there were back then.



I think I learned so much. Doing the Morse code was so cool but learning about the Battle of Britain was my favourite because it's fascinating to know why people in the past did things. I didn't know that Britain had such clever tactics.



So far we've had two history topics so maybe it would be better if we had some more geography.



Year 4 – Excavating Egypt

I loved learning about the achievements of the Ancient Egyptians.
I think they were really impressive.
I hope I can see the pyramids one day.

The learning I remember the most is about Howard Carter and his discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. We read a diary that made it feel like we were there at the time.

I really liked when our teacher brought in some Egyptian statues and other objects. We drew them and thought about what they told us about the Egyptians.



Year 5 – The Great Occupation

In Stone-Age times people were hunter gatherers. That means they hunted their food or gathered berries. They moved around a lot. In that time tools were made from stone.



I really like when the art we do is linked to our topic. We made Stone-Age cave art and we designed and made Anglo-Saxon style tabards.



Some people think the Vikings were very violent but other people think they were just trying to survive. We compared the evidence we could find to see who was right.



I think topic could be better if we used more objects like you see in museums, especially in history lessons. I like seeing real objects instead of pictures.

Year 6 – The Victorians

The trip to the Victorian school was so much fun but it was so strict. I'm glad I go to school in 2019!

Learning about the industrial Revolution was the most fascinating for me. It's interesting to see how everyday things change over time.



I really enjoyed looking for evidence of the Victorians in Hackney. When I went home I did some of my own research.



It was really interesting to use different sources to see things from different perspectives.

