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Year 6 - The Blitz

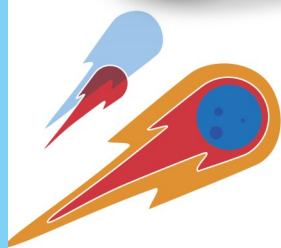
Year Six's theme this half-term has been 'The Blitz.' As part of the theme, we have studied rationing and what it was like during World War 2. We first began by looking at what food was rationed with Mrs Gruber and weighing out the portions. Then looked at what we could make with the ingredients on offer.

Following this, we made a Woolton pie using, potatoes, carrots, onions, rosemary and swede. The children had to grate and cut and dice the carrots, dice the onions and swede and slice the potatoes for the topping. Mrs Gruber then baked the pie and served it to the children the following day.



Year 4 - Computer focus day

Year four enjoyed our computing focus day. The focus for the day was computer programming. The children used an online software called scratch. They started the day by evaluating different educational games. After this the children were able to design, make and evaluate each other's games.



Nursery—Build me a Home



In Spring 1, our theme was 'Build Me a Home'. We learnt about construction, different types of homes, and investigated building materials and their properties. We also experimented with blocks, colours, marks, and made houses and bridges using building blocks, cardboard boxes, and different natural materials.

We really enjoyed reading stories like 'The Three Little Pigs', 'The Billy Goats Gruff', 'Fleabag', and 'Who is at the Door?'.

We had lots of fun reading the story 'The Three Little Pigs'. We made a story map and retold the story with actions and assumed the role of one of the characters in the story. We also made props and houses for the three little pigs.



Year 1 - We are British

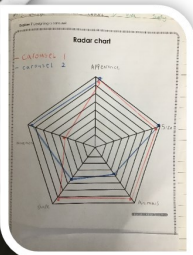
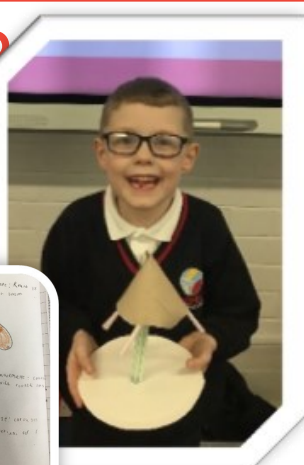
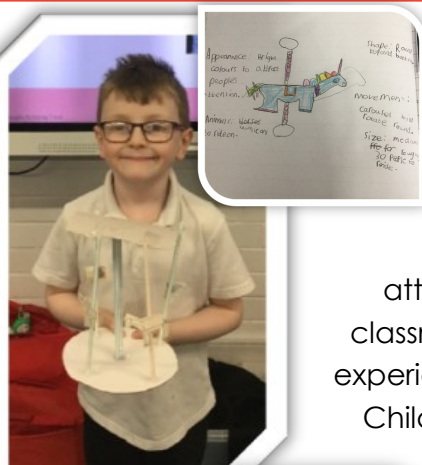
As part of our "We are British" theme, Year 1 were invited to a traditional British Tea Party. This was a great way to launch our theme and the children thoroughly enjoyed being waited on by the teachers- including Mr Wynne . They enjoyed a cup of tea and some delicious cakes. After the party, children went on to learn about traditional British food and wrote recipes in preparation for making their own short bread. It was a fun day, and all the children went home smiling.



Year 2—Roll up. Roll up

This term Year 2's theme has been 'Roll up, Roll up'. We have been learning about fairgrounds from the past and fairgrounds we attend today. We turned our classroom into a 'fun fair' and we experienced going on certain rides. Children were a fan of the roller coaster and ghost train!

Over the past couple of weeks, children have had the opportunity to design their own carousel rides. They designed them in their E3L books and thought about the colour, material and how their carousel would rotate. In our Design and Technology lesson they were given the opportunity to edit their designs and offer peer feedback to each other. Finally in the last Design and Technology lesson they used junk modelling to create their carousel models. Have a look at some of the wonderful designs! They had a range of different materials to choose from to create their models. Here are some wonderful examples of their designs and models.



Ofsted report

Holyhead Primary Academy makes outstanding progress to be rated 'Good' in first Ofsted inspection

We are delighted to report that Ofsted has judged Holyhead Primary Academy in Wednesbury to be a 'Good' school, with pupils' Personal Development highlighted as 'Outstanding', following its first Ofsted Inspection as an academy on Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 January 2022.

The judgement recognises the hard work put in by the whole school community to turn the school around since their previous inspection in 2016, when it was given the lowest Ofsted rating of 'Inadequate'.

The report comments that "pupils are very happy to come to Holyhead Primary Academy. It is a thriving and inclusive community where everyone is important... Pupils are proud of their school and the variety of opportunities to be active in their school and the local community."

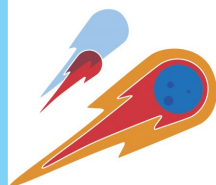
Sir Mark Grundy, CEO of Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust said, "I am incredibly proud of the progress that Holyhead has made since they joined our Trust in 2017. It is testament to the hard work of staff and pupils that the school has improved to this level. During the inspection it was clear that if Holyhead were to be judged on its progress since joining the Trust it would be 'Outstanding'. The developments we have seen in the school far exceed what is normally expected".



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Teacher Interview: Mrs Dhanjal

Who inspired you to become a teacher?

When I was at school, two teachers really helped me- Mr Harrison in Year 5 and Mrs Glarvey in Year 6. Both teachers made the last two years of my primary school experience, amazing. They made learning fun and made me realise that getting something wrong is all part of the learning process. They made me want to go into teaching and I have never looked back.

What is your favourite hobby?

I love spending time doing Arts and Crafts with my two daughters. We usually get some time every weekend to draw, paint and make things. I also enjoy settling down with a good book after a tiring day.

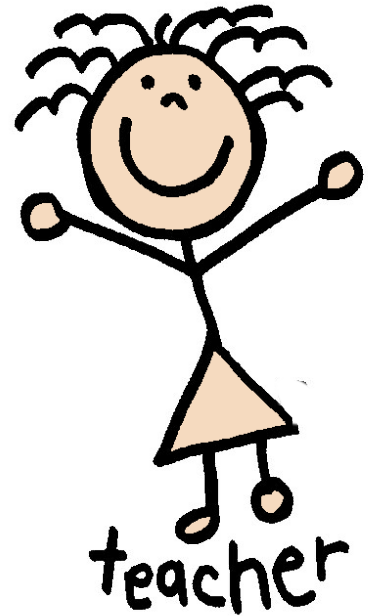
What is your favourite subject?

I love reading but nothing beats being able to write my own stories, so my favourite subject is English. I also love learning new techniques in art lessons.

Where are you from?

My parents were born in India but I was born in London. I lived there for most of my life but then moved to the West Midlands over ten years ago.

Interviewed by: Poppy Year 1



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