



Autumn 2 2022

Our theme this half term has been 'Peace and Conflict.' Throughout school, we have explored what our theme means and have enjoyed learning about different topics that link to the theme. We have also learnt some new vocabulary.

Nursery and Reception

This half term, the topic has been 'Nature's Toy Box' and the children have been learning all about nature and being outside. They have focused on the season of autumn and all of the seasonal changes that happen. The children have enjoyed lots of stories and activities that have linked to their learning this half term. They have also been learning about different celebrations at this time of year, including Bonfire Night and Christmas and have learnt about how we celebrate these events. R1 and R2 have worked hard on their Nativity performance and were really proud to perform to their families.



Year 1 and 2

This half term, year 1 and 2 have been answering the question: 'Why do we remember William Gregg in Heanor?' The children's learning has been focused on WWI and a soldier named William Gregg who fought in this war. The children found out that William Gregg was born in Heanor and died in Heanor and that one of our teachers is actually related to him! They also found out that our local leisure centre is named after him. The children learnt lots about the war and Remembrance Day and what life was like in the trenches on the front line. To finish the topic, the children compared Heanor in the past to what Heanor is like now and also learnt about mining and how this is a significant part of Heanor's history.



Year 3 and 4

In year 3 and 4, the children have continued to learn about ancient civilizations. The children learnt about the Shang Dynasty and explored where it was, what life was like and what the people of the civilization invented. The children then learnt lots of facts about rivers and how they are vital to the success of a civilization. To finish the topic, the children read a book called 'Weslandia' and were inspired to create their own civilization, just like the main character in the book. The children worked in teams, using their art and DT skills to design and make their civilizations and used their writing skills to produce some amazing setting descriptions to describe their civilization in detail. Finally, the children used Stop Motion Animation software to bring their civilizations to life - make sure you visit our website to see the final outcomes!



[Year 3/4 Civilization Stop Motion Animation | Howitt Primary Community School \(primarysite.media\)](#)

Year 5 and 6

Year 5 and 6 have continued to develop their understanding about WWII this half term. They have learnt about how people in Britain protected themselves during the Blitz. This even involved a tour of our school to identify where they would position an Anderson Shelter. The children have also looked in detail at specific key events such as The Battle of Britain (including researching different aeroplanes) and the attack at Pearl Harbor. This helped them to understand significant turning points in the war which led to VE Day. As always, it's been a very busy term and we have been delighted to see the engagement from the children and some of the amazing homework projects that have come into school.

