

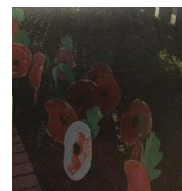


Autumn 2 2024

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 'Let's celebrate'. In both Nursery and Reception, the children have continued learning about the autumn season including the weather, night and day, light and dark and local animals. This has then led onto our learning about winter. We have been learning about different celebrations at this time of year including Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, birthdays and finally Christmas. We learnt why people celebrate in different ways and why these celebrations are important.



### Year 1 and 2

The children in year 1 and 2, we were joined by 'William Gregg' who hooked us into our history unit and our topic question 'Who was William Gregg and why do we remember him in Heanor?' The children were able to ask questions and make links to where they have seen his name in the local area. We then learnt all about who William Gregg was and why we remember him in Heanor. We learnt that he fought in World War 1 and that he earned a Victoria Cross. We also learnt about why the poppy is used as a symbol of remembrance.



### 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 went on to look at how and why the civilizations were so successful, and they made their own presentation about this. 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 enjoyed working together to create their civilizations and they even created their own stop motion animation film using the computing skills they had learnt this half term!



### Year 5 and 6

Years 5 and 6 we have continued our learning about World War 2. This half term, children have learnt about important key events that changed the course of the war such as the Blitz, Pearl Harbor and D-Day. They have also learnt about the impact on women during the war and considered the lasting impact on peoples lives today. We concluded our topic by learning how the war ended and how the end to 6 long years of fighting was celebrated across Europe. We held our own VE day celebration with dancing, biscuit decorating, and flag decorating!

