

WEEK BEGINNING: 

On Thursday 22nd June, Year 5 created a World War 2 museum for parents and carers. It was a fabulous success and this is all because of the hard work of the children and staff.

5DW have been looking at the power of propaganda investigating why and how it was shown to both allies and enemies alike. We found out interesting facts; did you know Britain dropped 6 billion leaflets on Germany over WW2! They produced their own leaflets and posters describing and illustrating what propaganda is and created simply amazing songs with a modern twist.

5KL's room was buzzing with all things to do with rationing. The children have learnt about the importance of 'Dig for Victory' and 'Make do and Mend'. Two activities that have been completed involved clothes and food rationing. The children soon realised that they would struggle to choose clothes with just 76 coupons and their current food choices would not always be possible. There were lots of screwed up faces when Mrs Lamb suggested they would have to eat lots of vegetables, knit clothes or darn broken clothes!

In **5JHY** we created 'The Blitz' in September 1940 London. The children have worked extremely hard on a whole host of exhibits. These include: Spitfire and Messerschmidts shadow cut outs, art and craft gas masks and gas mask boxes, spotlight towers, blacked out cars and windows, children war games (including a game made 50/60 years ago by Mr Hylton's grandad,) WW2 works of art, an underground station and sign, a classroom full of Morrison Shelters and presentations on each of the exhibits. Children also brought in lots of WW2 memorabilia that was linked to the project. Phew, we are very tired after this week. We are all off for a sleep in the Morrison Shelters (which we kitted out with bedding,) hopefully the air-raid siren won't go off again!

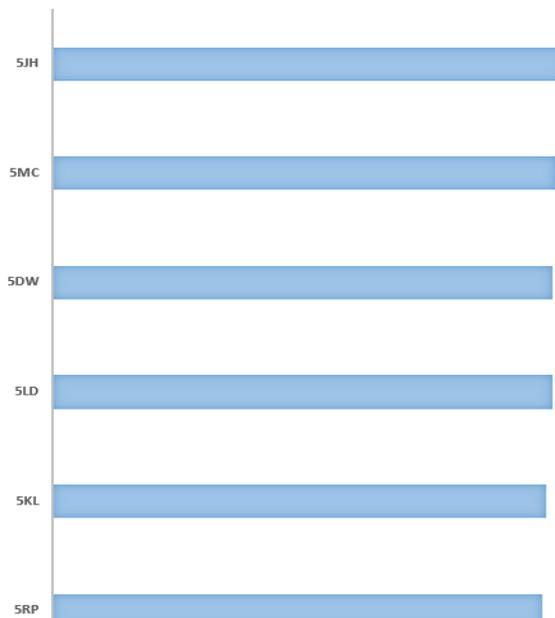
5SRP's museum topic has been 'Evacuation'. The children gathered suitable items which an evacuee would have taken with them and discussed which they thought was the most important. Most of our children said the gasmask! We also looked at old photos and discussed what they could tell us about the situation at the time and wrote a short diary extract in the role of Muriel Cope, an evacuee from Birmingham. The children have really enjoyed discussing this topic and showing off their work to their parents.

5LD looked at the role of women during WW2 and how it changed and evolved. We looked at the jobs that they took on which included: the Land Army, WRAF, ATS, nurses, codebreakers, entertainers, spies and they worked in factories making bombs and guns. We investigated fashion and discovered that due to rationing, the hemline became shorter! One of the most interesting facts that surprised the children was that our Queen, who was a young princess during the war, joined the WATS and was a mechanic.

5MC have been investigating pre-decimal currency. We looked at recipes from the 1940s (some of which used unusual ingredients!) and worked out how much they would cost to make in old money. We learnt that there were 12 old pennies in a shilling and 240 old pennies in a pound instead of 100. When we added up the cost of the ingredients, we carried over into the shillings column when we reached 12 instead of 10. We found out that that all coins have the year that they were made printed on them, as well as the current monarch's head, and used the coins to find out all the monarchs that Britain has had from Queen Victoria to Queen Elizabeth. Understanding Roman numerals came in useful for working out which king George was which. Finally, we used what we had found out to plan a VE Day street party, using old weights and measures (to work out how much bunting, how many tables cloths and how much squash we would need) and then added up the cost in pounds shillings and pence.

On Friday 23rd June, all of the children had the opportunity to learn from each other's work and visit all of the classroom museums.

ATTENDANCE



Well done 5JH!

