

# Newburgh CE School & Nursery



## History Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome to our History Newsletter.

Last term Years 5 & 6 focus has been on WWI and WWII; it was particularly relevant as we commemorated Remembrance Day. We were lucky enough to have a WWII Experience Day, in which the children were able to explore and learn about real WWII rescue vehicles, carry stretchers with the wounded and even hold pieces of bomb fragments from the time. All of the children had a truly wonderful morning and commented on how it made them appreciate just how hard life was during this time of war. They really enjoyed exploring primary sources and found it extremely valuable to be able to look at real historical artefacts.

Remembrance Day was marked by school as a whole, with the children visiting our local war memorial and our Head Boy and Head Girl laying a wreath. All of our children created poppy themed art displays and reflected upon the question of 'Why is it important to remember?' This feeling was encapsulated in our Year 5 & 6 Remembrance Service in church, where the children read aloud their Remembrance Poems which they had created, inspired by their learning and experiences.

History is very valued and celebrated at Newburgh School and the children have been able to make links between their lives today and what they have learnt about the past. We have also been able to borrow books and artefacts from the Museum library loan service and the children have enjoyed sharing these items. As a whole school, we are planning to continue to use this service to enhance our school curriculum resources and we are also going to continue to invite more visitors into school to talk to us about the past. We explore our Big Questions throughout our History lessons and we also focus on developing and extending our historical vocabulary. Our class learning walls are continually updated and annotated with pupils' comments, questions and new vocabulary as the weeks progress.

In the spring term, our children from Year 1 will be learning about The Great Fire of London and the impact of this significant event. The children in Year 2 will be learning about





Local History and Newburgh during the second half of the term. In Key Stage Two, we will be focusing upon Geography during the spring term and late in the year we will be learning about how our lives today have been influenced by the Romans and the Egyptians. We will hold Fabulous Finish events and we will also participate in whole class workshops and 'Ask the Expert' activities.

We have got lots of exciting activities planned and we will look forward to sharing more information with you in our next newsletter and on our school website.

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