St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery

Feedback from children in Lower Key Stage 2 about History (September 2022)

General questions about History

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What is History?

- * My mum speaks about it all the time at home because she is a history teacher. History means learning about the past.
- * Things that has happened in the old age that have been discovered.
- * Discovering things that has happened.
- * Understanding of our past and different ages of time.
- * Learning about ancient and modern history.

What do you like about History?

- * I like learning about the past.
- * I loved doing about Victorian history in Tyldesley and doing the fieldtrip.
- * Learning about the Fire of London was great.
- * It is really exciting when you do turn the hall into a place from the past (WOW workshops).
- * Discover things that have happened in the past. Which is very cool.
- * It teaches all about the past. I can share my learning to my family.
- * Using old photos and artefacts.

Tell me about your favourite piece of work in History and tell me why you enjoyed learning about this.

LC - What is an archaeologist?

- * Seeing, handling and studying primary artefacts brought the stone age to life.
- * It was so fun and made me want to learn more about the stone age.

Are there any areas in History that you are still unsure about?

- * Understanding and remembering when things took place.
- * Timelines are tricky to order sometimes.

How do you know if you are doing well in History?

- * Marking.
- * Getting team points.
- * You get better at history as well.

What happens if you are finding work difficult in History?

- * Hands up and teacher helps.
- * Brain, book, buddy, boss
- * We get extra words or sheets to help us with our work.

You are currently studying the topic 'who first lived in Britain', what can you tell me about it?

- * There are three periods Palolithic, meoslithic and Neolithic.
- * In the Neolithic period, they created villages with good housing, had complex tools and began to farm.
- * Skare Brae is a Neolithic in Scotland. There were eight houses. I think house seven was a prison as you couldn't open it from the inside.
- * They used cave paintings to show what life was like.
- * The next period was the bronze age then iron age as they began to use bronze then iron.

Can you explain what some of this Geography vocabulary means?

- * Archeologist Someone who studies the past and finds artefacts.
- * Artefacts an object from the past made by people.
- * Chronological In order of when things happened.
- * Civilisation When people join together and have same beliefs of life should be.
- * Neolithic the last part of early humankind.

Can you think where you have used your History skills or knowledge in other subjects?

- * Maths We order numbers like timelines.
- * English Writing and Reading- We have written a recount of the Neolithic boy Littlenose.

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Why is it more difficult to study ancient History?

- * Artefacts are more damaged so hard to see their uses. Unreliable sources sometimes.
- * Not many paintings or writing pieces to tell us what it was exactly like.

What careers relate to History?

- * Archaeologist
- * History teacher

Action to take as a result of Pupil Feedback on History

- * Need to highlight to the children careers in History to give them motivation to be lifelong historians.
- * Reminding children throughout the Year 3 and 4 curriculum of significant historic dates and events.

Whole School Actions:

* All pupils to learn the SGC definition of history:

'History is the story of the people on our planet. The story of everything that people have ever done since recognisable humans first evolved between 150,000 and 200,000 years ago.'

* At the beginning of each lesson, review any relevant past learning from previous years that will help them.

Next Pupil Feedback review: Spring Term 2023