

Knowle CE Primary Academy Curriculum Highlights



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Year Six: World War Two

Since returning to school, Year Six have wasted no time in bringing their World War Two topic to life. To inspire writing and to help children understand the horrors of D-Day, Year Six took part in a D-Day simulation.

The playground was set up to recreate Omaha Beach and children were tasked with the challenge of travelling across the playground whilst dodging a barrage of foam bullets. Only a few obstacles provided brief shelter! After experiencing the immense challenges faced by the soldiers, children were able to create their own action narratives. Annika's example, on the right of this page, opens with a detailed description of an ominous setting. This is one example of the many excellent narratives produced – well done to all of Year Six!

Year 6 have also produced striking artwork based on The Blitz. Children created a stencil of a chosen skyline (London from the Thames or Coventry Cathedral) before rubbing and smudging chalks to create their desired effect. The final results look fantastic. You can see examples from Martha, Cerys, Izzy and Greg below.



It was a grim day for Normandy. The dull, grey sky hung wearily. The cliffs stood strong, like guardians of the coastline. The sun shone brilliantly through the grey clouds, knowing it would bring the only happiness of that day. The town, high upon the cliffs, stood about its day, blissfully unaware of oncoming horror. The sea swirled and crashed on the shore, bringing shingle upon it as it did so.

Protruding from the bubbly, foaming tide, stood rows upon rows of hedgehogs, like an army of soldiers awaiting battle. White-capped waves rushed onto the shore, submerging the legs of the rusty, metal death-traps. Shingle was carried by the tide and crashed into the spikes, letting out a sharp clang.

Lurking in the deep waters, just off the coastline, mines hid like prisoners waiting for the right time. They watched the surface of the water, ready to attack anyone who dared to disturb their rest. Above, boats sped across the sea.



A small number of soldiers made it across the beach. Mr. Hall (right), however, was not so lucky!



Y4: Optical Illusion Artwork

Year Four have worked with great enthusiasm and patience to create wonderful examples of artwork with optical illusions. Sophie's work below is the same piece viewed from two different angles. The children were fascinated by this effect and were so proud of their classroom galleries!



A letter from Downing Street!

Well done to Sam in Y4 who recently received a letter from number 10 Downing Street. Following Y4's Rainforest topic, Sam had written to the Prime Minister to express his concerns about deforestation. We are proud to have such passionate pupils in our school!

All Star Cricket



Spicy Art!



Earlier this week, children in Year 1 and 2 took part in a cricket workshop where they had the opportunity to improve their catching, bowling and batting skills. The workshop proved hugely popular, with batting practice being the clear favourite activity! Jake (Y1) and Noah (Y2) model their excellent technique above!

Year Three have been studying and recreating prehistoric art. Children used a mixture of rice and lentils to create a cave wall, before making their own paint by mixing water, flour and a blend of spices including turmeric, ginger, paprika, cinnamon and nutmeg. Beautiful artwork can be seen completed by Evie, Mathilda, Sam and Lila.



To conclude their topic 'Out of This World', Reception children have been reading 'The Way Back Home', a story where a young boy meets an alien. Children have imagined what aliens might look like and have made their very own aliens out of clay! Well done to Theo, who created a very friendly looking alien (left)!

