Birdwell Year 6

William Shakespeare

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Blitz Work

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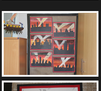
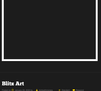
I am so proud of the work that the children have produced on the Blitz. Someone said that they felt like they were in the classroom during the Blitz when they read the work which contained descriptive language that was rich. You will hear more about this work when we have our Blitz Day on Friday 7th February. Please note, it is our open morning on Thursday 6th February.





Blitz Art

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We created our Blitz art in three stages:

1.) First we sketched the background by using paints, blending colours together to create an impression of the City on fire.

2.) For the foreground, we used black card and cut out a silhouette of a city.

3.) We then (wave another) we worked in with sharp/brights, using pastels, an add more silhouettes of people.

Primary Sources of Evidence

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Yesterday, we had a visitor from the Imperial War Museum who came to talk about WW2 and the Blitz. We learnt about what it was like in North Kensington during the bombing, especially at Christmas. We had some fantastic hands-on objects to explore and the children asked a lot of questions. It was very interesting to hear about how children lived in the Blitz and what children did to keep themselves safe and entertained. Thank you to Mrs Gillis who came.

We have been in London during the war and learnt the children about the Blackout and the Blitz. We developed a great interest in the Great Fire of London and we explained that they began at these during night while the bombing took place.

Children learnt about Gas masks, which were distributed for everyone, but the team brought in a baby version and a dog version. We also learnt about the Anderson shelter and the children which it was like to live in one and what mattresses, blankets and pillows were used.

Mr Keeling lived in Sheffield during the war and described to the children what it was like growing up at that time . He showed and talked about some of the kind of toys he used to play with as a child, and shared other interesting facts about his childhood.

Grace brought in some photographs of her great grandfather, who used to be a signalman during the war, and also his medals, his identity card and ration book. Mr Swallow (who is a secondary source) talked about what his grandfather's job entailed.

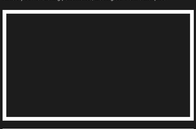
Young Voices 2020

Posted on January 9, 2020 by bridwellnrsnews Standard Respond

What a wonderful experience the Young Voices concert was for our children and staff. We were joined by thousands of children from different schools and guest performers, it was amazing! It was a long day for the children yet they kept their spirits up, behaved impeccably and sang (and danced) their hearts out. I'm so proud of them!

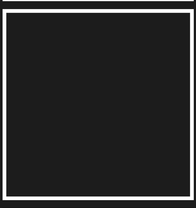
During rehearsals in the afternoon.

All ready for the evening performance, wearing our T-shirts with pride!



A couple of sneaky shots during the performance!

A few photos taken by one of our lovely parents, including one of Tony Hadley (the lead singer with Spandau Ballet).



Happy New Year!

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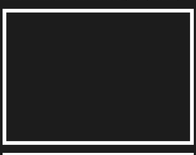
Our topic for the first half term is based on World War II, focusing particularly on how the war affected the lives of people in Britain. (See our planning web below.)

Our reading corner has been turned into an Anderson shelter and we have many fiction and non-fiction books to read about the war. (See the photo below.)