

Somerville News

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AIMING HIGH TOGETHER

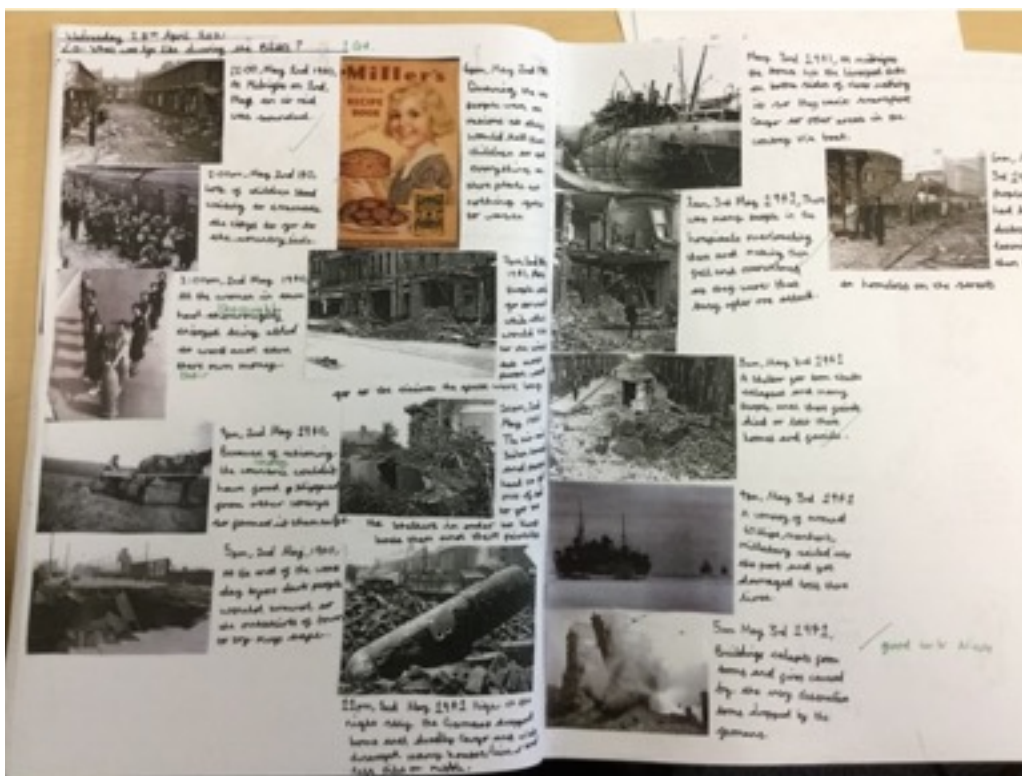


SUBJECT UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT – HISTORY

Mrs Johns-Pemberton is the History Lead in school. Over the last two years she has worked to overhaul our History curriculum and as a result we are one of only a small number of schools nationally who have been awarded the SILVER History Quality Mark. Below Mrs Johns- Pemberton has put together an overview of what history looks like in our school.

Here at Somerville Primary School, we aim to bring history to life by immersing children in realistic experiences both in school and on exciting educational visits linked to our topic areas. Our aim is for children to have a real understanding of their place in history and concepts of when events happened in relation to each other are reinforced. Our History curriculum is designed to ignite children's curiosity about the past through a topic-based approach and hands on experience wherever possible. We look at history on a local, national and global level. During lessons we teach the children the skills of working as a historian. If you want to know more about our history curriculum you can open up the school website and history can be found under the curriculum tab. Below you can see some of the fabulous work our children have completed in their history lessons.

Year 6 researched what life was like in Liverpool during World War 2.



Dates for your Diary

Friday 18th February

Year 3 trip to Chester Zoo

Friday 18th February

Dress to Express Day

Monday 21st - Friday 25th February

Half term

Thursday 3rd March

World Book Day

Thursday 31st March

Year 4 trip to Chester

Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd April

School closed for Easter holidays

Monday 25th April

School opens to pupils

Monday 2nd May

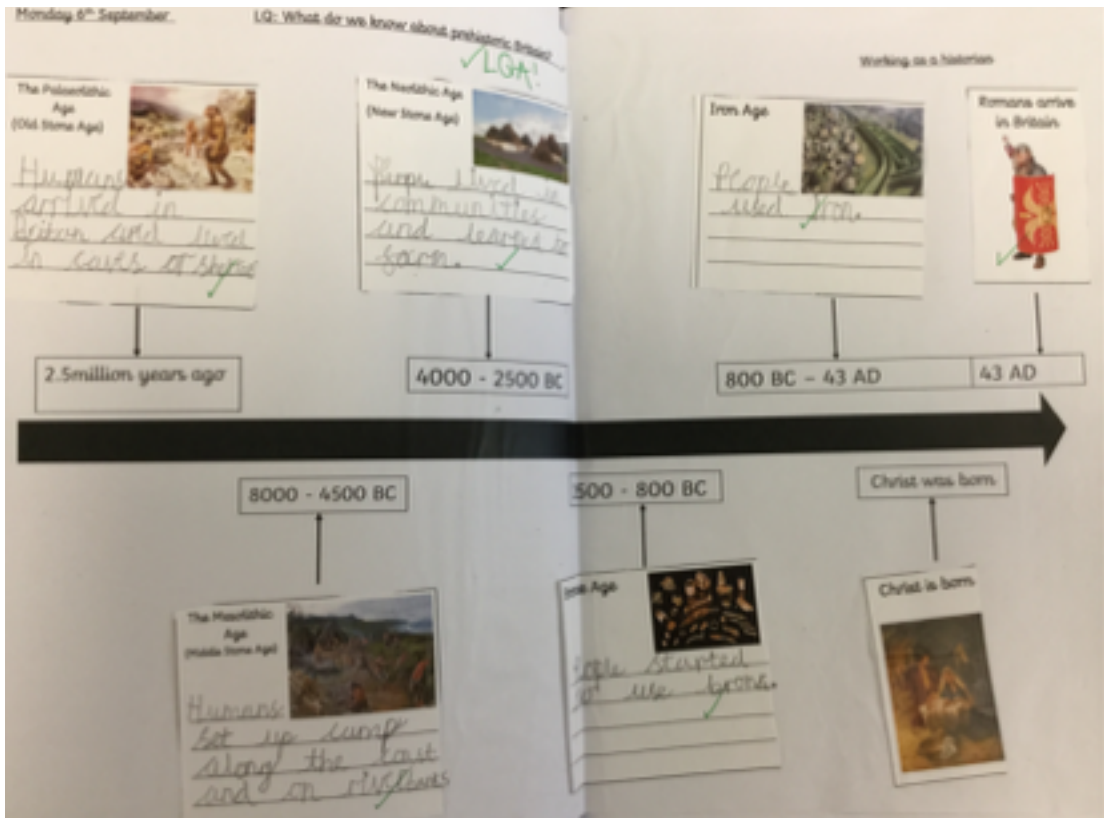
Bank holiday Monday - school

Monday 9th May - Friday 13th May

SATs week

School opens to pupils

Year 3 looked at key events during the Stone Age to the Iron Age and placed them in the chronological order on a timeline.



Year 2 looked at the similarities and differences between Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole,

As a historian we are going to find out
Are the quotes about Florence Nightingale or Mary Seacole?

Mary Seacole	Florence Nightingale
She was so brave because she came right out to the battle to bandage up my wounds.	She used to walk around the hospital at night to make sure we were alright.
She used herbs to help heal men's wounds.	I did not want my daughter to be a nurse. It is no job for a fine lady.
My daughter used to mix herbs with me to help people who were ill.	She was a clever lady who knew how to improve hospitals.
Every one was mad to her because she had black skin. Mary Seacole was born in Kingston Jamaica.	Florence Nightingale was called the lady with the lamp. Florence Nightingale helped boys and girls by giving caring and gift her on 1850. A.P.R.

Our children go on a variety of school trips linked to their history topics. We want our children to be excited about the topics they learn about and to experience what life was like for people who lived in the past.



Year 3 visited Chester to learn about Roman life.



Year 4 visited Conway Castle during their topic about Edward 1 and Owain Glyndwr.

FOOTBALL SUCCESS

This week we took a team of Year 3 & 4 children to a football tournament. The children played really well and most importantly played well as a TEAM. The team had to play six matches. They won five out of the six games and drew one. They were the tournament WINNERS! We are very proud of them.



IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Unfortunately, our number of persistent absentees is much too high. This is **ANY** child with attendance below 90%. We are now working closely with the local authority to begin the process of issuing Fixed Penalty Notices. These are issued per child, per parent. We have actively started this process this week with a number of families and will continue for the rest of this school year. We are currently preparing paperwork to be submitted in court.

If you are called to an Attendance Panel meeting it is advised you attend as it will take place anyway in your absence and the process will move forward regardless. The school is currently going through **every** pupils attendance and if it is below we 90% we may make the decision to contact you to inform you that medical evidence is required for **ANY** future absence and if this is not provided then the absence **WILL** be unauthorised. If unauthorised absences happen over the course of this term and next we will then request parent / carer presence at Attendance Panel Meeting. At this meeting you will be asked to sign a contact stating what improvements need to be made. If improvements are not made in the time period stated school will send your details to the Local Authority to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice.

If school considers absence to be a **SIGNIFICANT** problem that is seriously having an effect on your child's education we will consider making a referral into social care for child neglect.

It is **ALWAYS** our aim to work with our families and offer support such as referrals to the Early Help Teams, requesting a Family Support Worker to work with the family in the family home to help set routines, boundaries and good sleep hygiene and referral to CAMHs.

We do not like to take this course of action however the impact this is now having on children's education is **UNACCEPTABLE** in some cases.

Any requests for holidays , including for next academic year will be unauthorised EXCEPT for exceptional circumstances. Any holidays that involve a wedding abroad for family will need evidence of wedding, and will only be authorised for the day of wedding and the day before and after. Week or fortnight holiday requests will be unauthorised.

If you are unable to go on holiday in school holidays we will now require details of your Human Resources department so we can contact directly. We will no longer accept a piece of paper brought in to school.

PICKING UP EARLY

We repeatedly have the same families picking up their children early from school. From this week we will be RECORDING this and require EVIDENCE of doctor, dentist or hospital appointments. These requests should be made in advance. We do not expect any parent or carer to just turn up at the school office on the day and take their child early.

We are taking this stance because your child's progress is very IMPORTANT to us. Our school motto is **AIMING HIGH TOGETHER**. If you have chosen our school for your child you know that we aim for the VERY BEST for your child. Please support us in providing the very best education for your child.