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History Edition



Dear Park Lane Family,

As we wrap up another exciting half-term, we are delighted to share the historical adventures and enrichment opportunities that have been keeping our young historians busy and providing valuable learning experiences.

From World War 2 Experience Days to visiting a Battlefield, our Griffins have been fully immersed in experiences to extend their learning beyond the typical classroom environment. We are so thrilled that even with such a busy start, we still have so much more to come with history including the development of our very own school museum! As always, we encourage our families to engage with their children about these experiences, asking questions and fostering a love for history at home. Your involvement is crucial in making history an exciting and meaningful subject for our young learners.

We look forward to the upcoming term, filled with even more historical adventures and discoveries!

Warmest Wishes,
Stacey McDonnell
Head of History



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Wide Horizons

World War 2 Experience Day - Year 5 & 6

Our Year 5 and 6 students recently embarked on an immersive journey into the past with our World War II Experience Day. They arrived at school dressed for the occasion in war-themed clothes to immerse themselves in the historical era. The children even had a visit from a local resident who was able to discuss his personal experience of WWII in Nuneaton. From decoding messages to exploring wartime artefacts, the day was filled with hands-on activities that brought history to life. The students' engagement and enthusiasm truly made this experience memorable.



Battle of Bosworth Trip - Year 4

Meanwhile, our Year 4 students embarked on a thrilling trip to the Battle of Bosworth site, where they delved into the events that shaped our nation's history. Walking in the footsteps of historical figures, they gained a deeper understanding of this pivotal moment in time. The trip sparked curiosity and ignited a passion for learning about our past.



Wide Horizons

Warwick Castle Trip - Year 2

As part of their topic, Towers, Tunnels and Turrets, Year 2 were thrilled to visit Warwick Castle to deepen their understanding about their current classroom learning. Whilst on the trip, they were able to see in person some of the features of a castle they had learnt about including the portcullis, the arrow slits, the battlements and the trebuchet that was used to defend the castle.

In addition, they also received a 'Kingmaker Tour' learning all about castle life, the jobs in a castle, the weaponry and armour. They were amazed to find out that some jobs in the castle may only have been paid 1p a week!



National Space Centre Trip - Year 1

Year 1 have had a blast on their out of this world experience at the National Space Centre. Whilst exploring the Space Centre, the children had lots of opportunities to see real space suits, rockets and even got to see a piece of the moon! They watched an astronaut show in the planetarium which built on their History and Science learning about a significant individual, Neil Armstrong. They ended their experience by travelling to the top of a rocket in a lift : it felt like they were blasting off into Space!



Watch this space - Year 3

Our Year 3 Griffins have an exciting half term coming up after Christmas including a Stone Age Workshop for their topic 'Tribal Tales...'



History Environment

Exciting News: Cabinet of Curiosity Coming to Park Lane

We are delighted to announce the arrival of new historical artefacts that have been ordered for the school. These additions include fascinating Roman items, authentic Anglo-Saxon clothing, and much more which will contribute to our ever-growing museum at Park Lane. These artefacts will serve as invaluable teaching tools, allowing our students to explore and connect with different periods of history in a tangible way.

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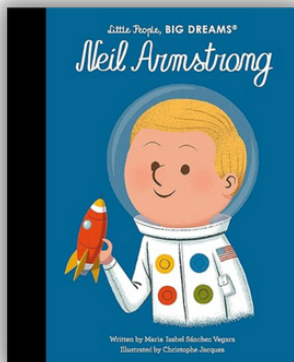
Artefact Boxes

In addition to our new acquisitions, we are excited to share that we have partnered with an external company to bring artefact boxes to Park Lane. These boxes are curated to enrich the topics being taught in the curriculum, providing a hands-on experience that broadens our children's intellectual curiosity. From ancient civilizations to medieval times, these artefact boxes will open new doors of discovery for our students.

Do you have artefacts that you would be willing to donate to school?
Please drop them into the School Office.



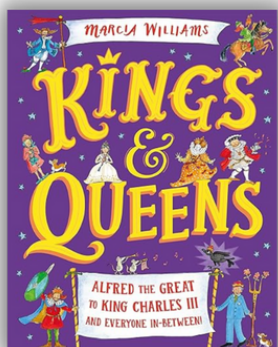
Suggested Reads



Little People, Big Dreams Series

By Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara

The 'Little People, Big Dreams' Series have a fantastic collection of books on various famous significant individuals both within and beyond children's living memory. They give children an insight into how they have contributed to the past and also celebrate their achievements.



Kings and Queens By Marcia Williams

Meet every king and queen in the history of Britain in this lively comic-strip guide. A great book to teach children about the monarchy.



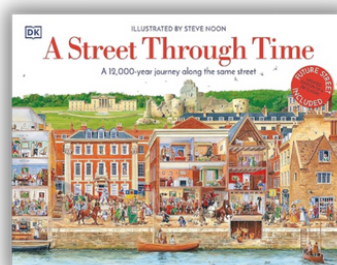
Amazing Ancient World Atlas By Nancy Dickmann

Unearth our ancient world, continent by continent, with this amazing kids atlas. This will give children insight into over 40 historical cultures, societies and civilisations across the planet. They show the rise and fall of mighty empires over time.



Find Tom in Time By The British Museum

Packed with facts about different time periods, these books are also great fun with a 'Where's Wally' style challenge to find Tom in each of the different periods of time. Can you find him?



A Street Through Time By Anne Millard

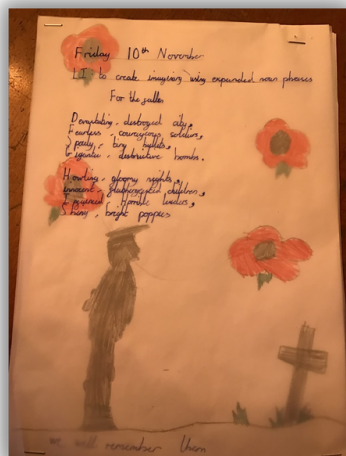
A Street Through Time takes you on a time-travelling journey that you won't forget across 15 key periods in time. This is a great introduction to chronology and also how things have progressed throughout History.



Remembrance Events



To celebrate Remembrance Day, our Griffins across the school explored Remembrance, it's significance and the reasoning behind poppies being used as a symbol of support.



At the end of the day on Friday 10th November, our Griffins gathered together in the hall to discuss the knowledge-rich lessons and learning throughout the day. They then sung a song: 'You will be found' that they had been practising on the build up to this day.

Also, on this day, as one of our Proud Traditions alongside our GST collegiate - including Race Leys and Nicholas Chamberlaine - our choirs gathered together to perform a beautiful Remembrance Service. It truly was lovely to be a part of it!

Pupil Voice

Marley (Y1) - "I know who Mary Anning is: she is a famous fossil hunter."

Jesse (Y1) - "We are learning about Neil Armstrong - he was the first person to step on the moon!"

Laycee (Y2) - "We went to Warwick Castle and learnt about what people did a long time ago. I loved the castle and exploring it."

Lily (Y3) - "In our topic about heroes, we learnt about people in the past. I chose the lady of the lamp - Florence Nightingale - and it was good because I knew about her from Year 2. I even made her face out of clay!"

Miguel (Y3) - "We wrote a poem on Remembrance: I really enjoyed that day and making the poppies."

George (Y5) - "I liked learning about the Titanic and how sudden this was - we are writing newspaper reports about it!"

Harvey (Y6) - "I had prior knowledge about WW2 because of my great Granny so extending this in school was fascinating as I was really interested to learn more about her potential experiences."

Jamie and Miruna (Y6) - "It is fun to learn about historic events - such as WW1 and WW2 - because it is interesting to think about how the world has changed over time."

