

Terrific Time Travelers

P4H visited the Gordon Highlanders Museum last week, for an Arts Across Learning Festival workshop. This trip was tied into our Historical World IDL, focusing on themes of resilience and communication. Read the article written by Anna and Chris to find out what they were up to!

P4H went to the Gordon Highlanders Museum on Monday 25th of February, 2019. We went to learn about what it was like for the Soldiers of World War 1. We did three activities:

Activity 1 - "Being a soldier on the front line"

We did this activity with 'Major Laura'. We acted out that we were soldiers and got commands to follow from Major Laura. It was fast & difficult! At the end we had to write a speech to encourage our soldiers when they were crossing the front line into battle.

Activity 2 - Trench art

We learnt about and created trench art with Nikki. We all made something different and something that we could give to someone. A lesson we learnt is that the soldiers from WW1 could only use stuff from the trenches to make their art, but now we have a much wider selection materials to choose from. It was great to recycle things! Some of the things we made were bracelets, dresses and t-shirts.

Activity 3 - Life in a trench

We went into the trench with Lewis, to experience what it was like in the trenches. We learnt that the General officer will shout out OVER THE TOP! You would then have to get your rifles and shoot! If you didn't your leader might shoot you. It was very sad to see how the soldiers would have lived. It was very small and hot.

Our best bits:

"Looking through the periscope in the trench. That was cool!" *Chris*

"Making some trench art for someone was really good fun!" *Anna*

"The art because you got to make whatever you want." *India*

"I liked it because we could learn about the trenches." *Balint*

"I liked that we could make our own speeches that the Generals would say to the soldiers." *Tess*

Fun Facts:

We learnt that trenches are made of wood, metal, sacks & mud/soil.

We learnt how tough it is to follow orders quickly and remember everything!

We learnt that it is hard to make an ornament for someone out of things from the trenches.

We came back to school and on Thursday we wrote diary entries as though we were a soldier in the war. We had to think about what we would be doing, seeing and how we would feel. It was good to imagine ourselves back in that time.

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