

Fantastic project-based learning

YARBOROUGH Academy introduced a Project Based Learning curriculum in September 2014.

The children learn through immersive experiences, with essential questions, clear opportunities to apply English and maths skills, and an authentic audience for the end exhibition.

We have had overwhelmingly positive feedback

from parents after visiting the class exhibitions this term. Children are engaged with their projects, able to clearly explain what they have been learning, and using their initiative to deepen understanding.

We are determined to continue with this way of learning in order to ensure Yarborough has high academic achievements at the heart of the community.

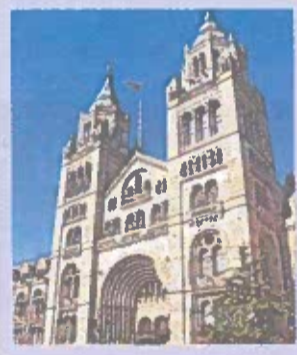
Here are some fantastic examples:



In Year 2 children were investigating "What makes a superhero?"

They started out by looking at comics and cartoon representations and then went on to look at heroes in our community.

There was some amazing Pop Art in the style of Roy Lichtenstein on display in their exhibition.



Year 5 investigated "How do natural disasters affect the world?" They produced a book and sold them in Freshney Place, sharing the information with Christmas shoppers. This was so successful they managed to raise over £1,400 for Shelterbox - a charity that works with survivors of natural disasters. In addition they visited a natural disasters exhibit at the world famous Natural History Museum.



Reception class learnt about "What makes a special meal?"

The children had learnt all about different foods and a special banquet was held at the exhibition to parents.



Year 4 learnt about what it was like to be a child in World War II. Following a trip to Eden Camp they produced some amazing work that was displayed to parents.

One parent said: "I am extremely pleased with my child's progress - academically and on a personal level. I feel like my child has blossomed."



Year 1 were learning about "What makes toys special?"

After a visit to a toy museum, where they got to design and make their own special toy, the children acted as guides around their exhibition for parents.



Year 3 learned about why water is important. They used the film Frozen as inspiration for music and poetry and also designed boats and tested their sea-worthiness at Hubbard's Hills, in Louth.



Children of Yarborough Academy using the school homepage to search safely.

YARBOROUGH Academy has a strong commitment to E-Safety.

The children are taught how to keep safe online. We have dedicated assemblies and parent workshops to highlight the issues.

Emily Webster said: "I learnt that if you feel uncomfortable about something online, you

must tell someone."

Mia Adams said: "If I am worried about something on the internet I know now to press the worried button."

Sam Short said: "We created e-safety posters to help children know what to do."



Dinosaurs and disasters in capital

ON TUESDAY, 18th November, Year 5 pupils from Yarborough Academy went to the Natural History Museum in London.

They went to find out more information on natural disasters, as their project's essential question was: how do natural disasters affect the world?

They went round in different groups as they explored the natural disasters exhibition, they filled out booklets so they could remember all the information they had found out.

The pupils found out mostly about earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and tsunamis, as

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they needed this information for their exhibition.

They also experienced what it felt like to be involved in an earthquake. Keira Towler (10) a pupil from Yarborough Academy, said: "I think that being at the Natural History Museum was amazing because we got the chance to learn lots of new facts."

It was a long day for them, but they learnt lots of cool new things.