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History Day - 8th February 2017

I visited school for the day and sat in on various classes as creative curriculum link governor.

Each class had a different theme which varied from designing and colouring totem poles (Cougars) to a talk to the class given by Mr Redfern's mother and grandmother recounting their experiences of WW2 (Panthers) - this captivated the entire class! Tigers were learning about the Great fire of London and had designed individual drawings whilst all together correcting grammar, spelling and punctuation on a piece of text about the fire. Ocelots were writing notes about the 1950's from videos - this showed the variety, speed and quantity of writing that the children could get down onto paper about a subject. Later the children were given objects from the 50's, 60's and 70,'s such as an old telephone and a Polaroid camera - it was wonderful to see them amused and captivated when discussing in small groups what the objects might be! I was particularly impressed with Lynx class who had been looking at old newspapers and acting as junior reporters. At one point the class teacher was called away leaving the very capable TA with children who remained wonderfully quiet and attentive even with one feeling sick and on child requiring sign language intervention. Well done to all staff for the wide variety of ideas and teaching methods which captivated the children and made history fun ☺

Jane Palfreman

Imagineering visit to Rolls Royce

On Friday 26th May, the Alrewas Primary School Imagineering Club paid a visit to Rolls Royce.

Eleven of the twelve children involved in the club, together with some of the parents who had provided the transport, had a very enlightening morning. We started with a classroom session about the role of engineers, then we constructed, tested and modified paper aeroplanes, before taking a guided tour of the engines museum. The displays not only showed how Rolls Royce started, with examples of their most famous cars, but then the development of the aero engine over the years, finishing with the giant Trent engine. It also showed the lesser known work involving the marine environment, with winches, marine engines and the giant propeller blades to be fitted to the new Queen Elizabeth aircraft carrier. Finally the session finished with a quiz, with participants finding the answers among the various exhibits in the display. A truly inspiring day for would be engineers.

Roger Hailwood