THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

KEY STAGE 2 / LESSON 4

Reginald Alfred James Cooper

Child Mill Worker in WW1

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RESEARCH SHEET A

Children and cotton

Look at the information on the following website:

www.newlanark.org/learningzone/clitp-jobsforchildren.php

This is a site about a cotton mill in Scotland. Conditions and jobs at this cotton mill would have been the same for Reginald.

Look at all the different types of jobs that children would do. Choose 2 to tell your friends about.

Is there any other information you think is interesting?

Make clear notes so that you can share your information with your class.

RESEARCH SHEET B

School life in WW1

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You have already started to learn about life for school children in WW1. Your group task is to find some new pieces of information to share with the class.

Look at the following website:

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/0/ww1/25224332

Use the site to find out three new facts about school life. You could find out about school dinners or the equipment that might be in a classroom. You may find out about the sorts of lessons that were taught. You could find out how the teachers punished bad behaviour.

Is there any other information you think is interesting?

Make clear notes so that you can share your information with your class.

RESEARCH SHEET C

What children did for fun

We already know that Reginald did not have much time to play and have fun with his friends. You are going to find out what children might have done in their leisure time and share this information with your class.

Look back at the information on Reginald and find out what his interests were.

Look at the following web page to see what else children liked to do if they had any free time.

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/0/ww1/25183931

- Find out about the types of games they played.
- What do you think they could play in the summer?
- What might they play in the winter?
- Did girls enjoy different gams to boys?
- Is there any other information you think is very interesting?

Make clear notes so that you can share your information with your class.

RESEARCH SHEET D

What other ways did children support the war effort?

Not all children worked in mills in WW1. There were many ways that children were able to help out during the war. In your group find about three new ways that children helped and share this information with your class.

The following web page will help you:

www.iwm.org.uk/history/10-ways-children-took-part-in-the-first-world-war

Do you think you could have done any of these things?

What other ways could you help the war effort?

Is there any other information you think is interesting?

Make clear notes so that you can share your information with your class.