Primary | Social and Environmental Education (SEE)

Consultation with children in Irish primary schools 2023

Children's experiences of History and **Geography in Primary School**

National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) working with Hub na nÓg and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) asked children about their views and experiences of Geography and History in primary school. The information is used This is unat they said to help make decisions about what children will learn in the redeveloped curriculum for Social and Environmental Education (SEE).

We spoke to children aged between 8-13 years in 3 different primary schools.

Q1. What do you learn about in Geography/History?

Physical Geography (e.g. rivers, mountains, lakes)

The Natural World (e.g. animals, flora and fauna)

Physical Sciences (e.g. solar panels, energy, pollution)

Political Geography (e.g. counties, countries, flags, maps, cultures) We

Different cultures and peoples (e.g. Celtic, Stone Age, Romans, Aztecs)

People's lives (e.g. Rosa Parks, Daniel **O'Connell, Tom Crean**)

Irish History (e.g. Legends, The Great Famine, The War of Independence)

Broader History (e.g. The Industrial Age. Inventions, World War 2)

> **_**<u></u> Things that happened in Ireland in past times

Q2. What do you like about Geography/History?

Learning about Ireland

Learning about other countries and cultures

Learning about the wonders of the world

Discussion topics

Working with friends

Reading books

Watching videos

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Learning about the past

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bogs.

Learning about myths, legends, and empires

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Learning about famous people

Art History

Looking at pictures and reading different things

Schools in the past

Inventions

14 World War 1 because I find it interesting.

Q3. What do you not like about Geography/History?

Textbook exercises

Writing

Learning about old politics

Learning about things you already know

When things are boring

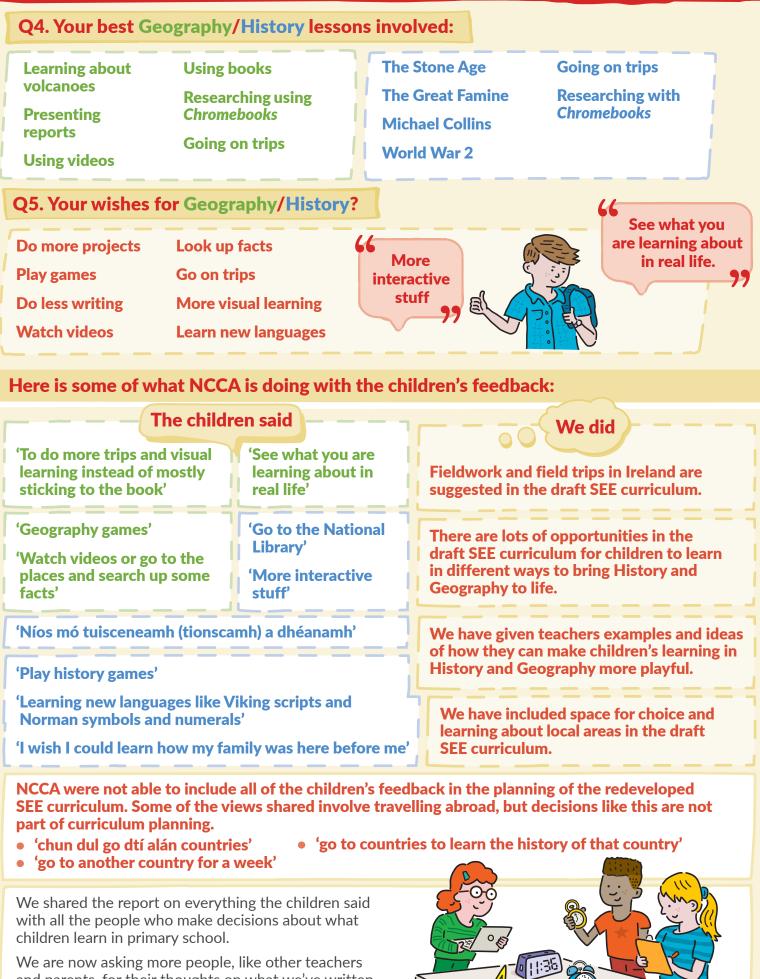
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a lot of people died

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We are now asking more people, like other teachers and parents, for their thoughts on what we've written. We will think about everyone's thoughts before we finalise the redeveloped SEE curriculum.

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