

**ELG 13—People and Communities**

Children talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members. They know that other children don't always enjoy the same things, and are sensitive to this. They know about similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families, communities and traditions.

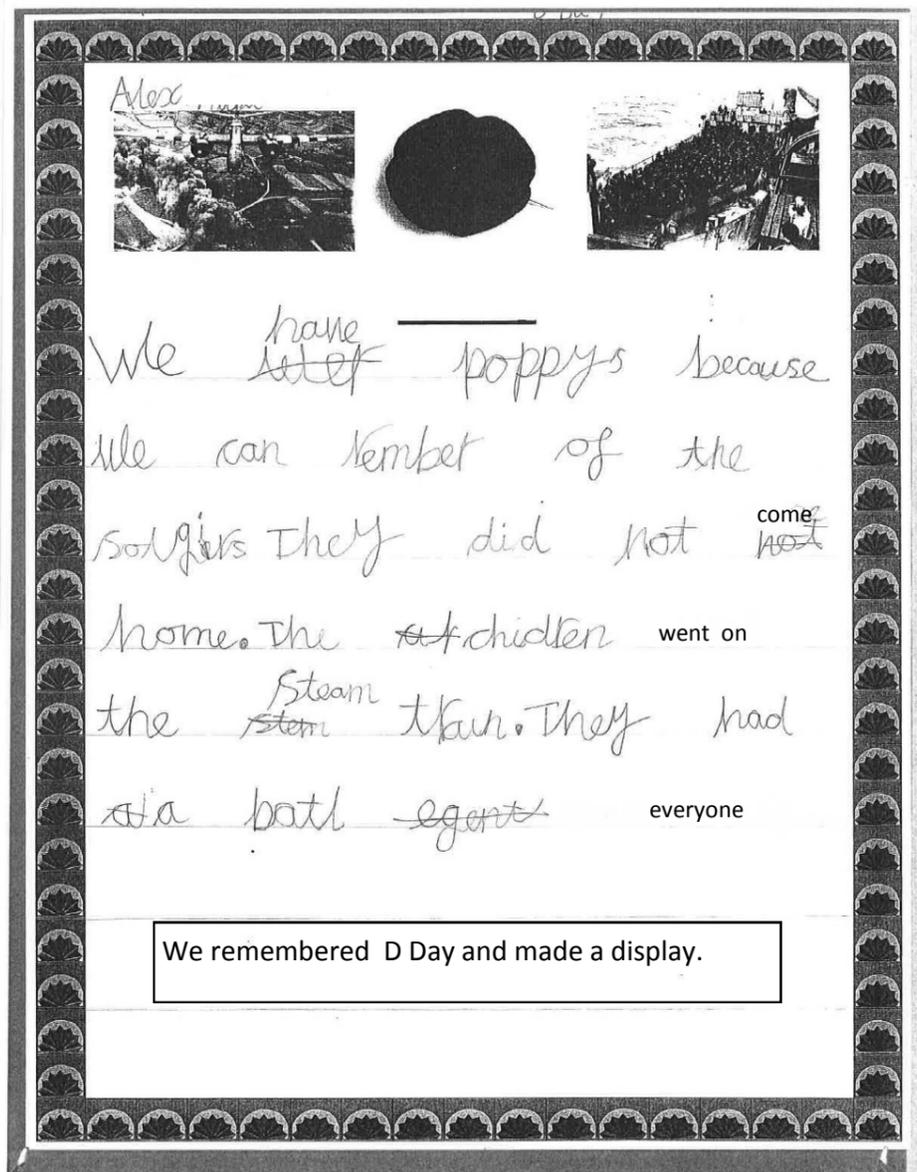
**Alex—Characteristics of Effective Learning**

Alex enjoys all aspects of school life. He likes to take a leading role in play, although he will listen to his friends and take account of their ideas. Alex has a 'can do' attitude and likes to share his successes with everyone. Alex is very articulate and is happy to talk about how he is feeling. He can work through any problems that may arise and can talk about the strategies he has used.

The class were discussing wash cloths as part of an RE lesson which focused on Islam. J who is Muslim told the class "We wear a head scarf because it is respectful."

Alex asked "Why does M wear a head scarf?" pointing to the material on his head. M explained "My patka shows that I am Sikh. My hair is really long under here. I tie it up under my patka." Alex said "I have my hair cut with my dad at the shop. I always get a lolly."

A few days later when the class were changing for PE M's patka came off. Alex said "Wow it is true what you told us. Your hair is really long...longer than Sarah's (his sister). Shall I help you put your hat back on?"



I think the children must have been very scared. It was a long way on the train. I don't want to leave my Mum. There were lots of bombs in the war.  
*Alex talked about the evacuees during WWII.*

My Dad told me that when he was little he had to put his stocking at the end of his bed. He got some toys ...and an orange. Me and Sarah, we put our stocking in the front room. We get loads of toys and sweets. We don't get an orange. We get so many toys that they don't fit. We have them under the tree too.

*Alex told us about his family's Christmas celebrations*

We have lots of chocolate eggs at Easter time. The Easter bunny likes to hide them in our garden. I help Sarah (his sister) to find them. We get chocolate because Easter is a celebration.

On a Saturday my Dad comes to take me and Sarah to the park. I like going to the park with Dad 'cos he plays football with me. Sarah and Mum don't like football. Sarah likes to go on the swing. Dad pushes her a bit but makes me go higher and higher 'cos Sarah's only little. She's 2 and I am 5.

Last night I could stay up to watch Scooby Doo on the TV with my Mum. Sarah had to go to bed 'cos she's only little. When I was little I wasn't allowed to stay up and watch Scooby Doo. Sarah has to go to sleep in her cot. I have a big bed with Spiderman covers. I sleep in my room but Sarah sleeps in with Mum 'cos she's still too little.

M came to my house for tea. I like chicken nuggets but M doesn't like them...he doesn't have meat. He is 'vegtarian'. My mum cooked him like these fish fingers but with peas and carrots in instead. I tried them but they were yucky.. I had chicken nuggets. M could dunk them in ketchup like me though.