

Key Stage 2 – One Hundred Years of Pyrex Glass in Sunderland Assembly. November 2022

The Key Stage 2 children had a very special assembly with a local history theme. The assembly was led by Posy, a worker from the Sunderland Museum and she taught the children all about the history of Pyrex glass in Sunderland. It is 100 years since the glass was first made in Sunderland. The assembly began with the children learning about where the glass was first made and that was in the USA. It came to Sunderland to be made in local factories as it had a world class reputation for making glass. The children discovered how the glass was invented and that a man called James A. Jobling brought it to Sunderland to be made in his factories. The children watched short films where they saw the inside of the factory and heard past workers talk about their experiences. Some of the children dressed up to help tell the story of Pyrex glass. All of the children got the opportunity to hold a piece of Pyrex glass, which had been brought from the museum. The children enjoyed this special assembly and learned lots about an industry that was once so important to Sunderland.

