



Black History Month

27th – 31st October
Half Term Break

3rd November
Curriculum Day –
school closed for
children.

4th – 6th November
School Pictures

7th November
Year 6 Sharing
Assembly and
lunch
&
FOSM Junior Disco
&
Remembrance –
Laying flowers

10th November –
14th November
Anti-bullying week

10th November
Odd Socks Day
&
Sibling
photographs

11th November
Year 5 and Y6
Athletics
competition



Dear families and friends,

As Black History Month comes to a close, we take this moment to reflect on a truly inspiring few weeks of learning, creativity, and celebration. Throughout the month, our children have explored the richness of Black history and culture — not just through lessons, but through art, movement, and storytelling that brought history to life.

From the vibrant artwork that now brightens our halls, to the joyful energy of the dance workshop, to the thoughtful projects that uncovered important figures and events, every child has contributed something unique and meaningful. Their curiosity and enthusiasm remind us that Black history is not just a subject to be studied, but a living story of resilience, innovation, and pride that continues to shape our world today.

We are so proud of the hard work, creativity, and respect our students have shown throughout this month. Their efforts have deepened our collective understanding and appreciation for the contributions of Black individuals throughout history — and for the importance of unity and inclusion in our community.

Though October has come to an end, the lessons we've learned and the inspiration we've shared will continue to guide us all year long. Thank you to everyone — students, staff, and families — who helped make this month so meaningful and memorable.

We wish you a safe and happy half term,

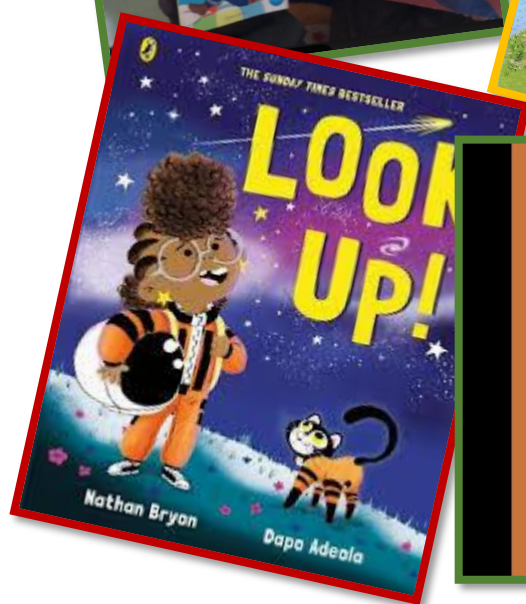
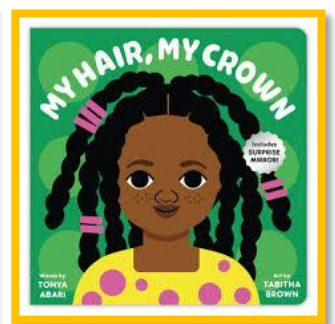
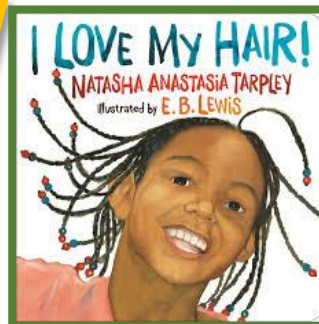
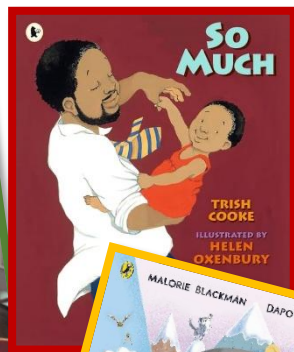
God Bless,
Mrs. Sharkey

Infants

Year one has been learning all about the Empire Windrush, a ship that transported thousands of passengers from the Caribbean to the United Kingdom in the years after the war. The people came to support Britain in rebuilding and they came seeking a better life. We focused our learning on author Floella Benjamin who came on that very ship! Then Teddy brought in another fantastic book linked to The Windrush which we all shared together.



Reception have been learning the story So Much by Trish Cooke as part of their talk4Writing. Their Black History learning has also linked to their topic All About Me where they have been looking at the beauty of diversity through stories like My Hair.



Year two focused their learning on Black woman who have changed the world. They learned all about Katherine Johnson, a woman known as the Human Calculator! Her calculations contributed to NASA's ability to send astronauts into orbit and even to the moon. They are reading Look Up by Nathan Bryon as their key text and this led the children to another great scientist - Mae Jemison, an American Engineer, physician and NASA astronaut.

Juniors

Year 3 have been focusing on a few remarkable individuals who have made significant contributions to society.

Our research has centred around the inspiring lives of Mary Seacole, Marcus Rashford, and Benjamin Zephaniah. Each of these figures brings a unique story of resilience, creativity, and determination that we believe is important for our students to explore.

Marcus Rashford's commitment to combating child food poverty has inspired discussions about social justice and advocacy. His efforts in raising awareness and driving change have encouraged our students to think critically about their own roles in their communities.

Finally, Benjamin Zephaniah's work as a poet and activist has opened our eyes to the importance of using art as a form of expression and a catalyst for change. His reflections on identity and society have sparked engaging conversations in the classroom.

As part of our activities, the children have created detailed fact files that encapsulate the lives and contributions of these figures. This has not only enhanced their research skills but also instilled a profound respect for the diverse histories that shape our world today.



Year 4 This October, Year 4 has been buzzing with excitement as we embraced Black History Month! In our quest to celebrate and honour those who stood against injustice, the children conducted thorough research into remarkable figures like Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr. Through this exploration, they not only learned about their incredible contributions but also dived into the profound meaning behind non-violence as a powerful tool for change.

Our journey didn't stop there! In art, we ventured into the vibrant world of African patterns. The children were fascinated by repeated patterns and geometric shapes, discovering how much of African art is inspired by the beauty of nature. They had the chance to admire stunning, intricate artworks from various African cultures, which sparked their imagination and creativity.

As a hands-on activity, the students expressed their newfound knowledge by creating their own pieces of art, incorporating elements of these patterns and shapes. It has been a fantastic month of learning, creativity, and inspiration, allowing the children to appreciate the rich history and culture of Africa.



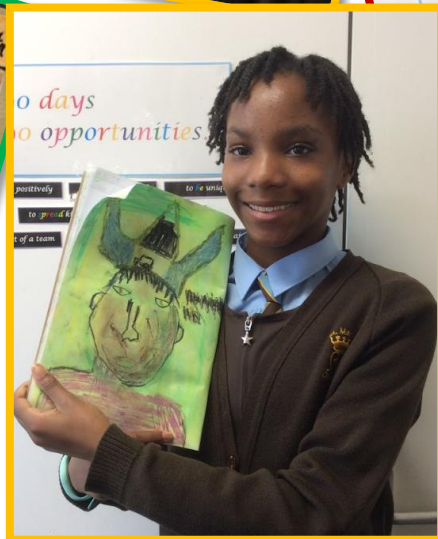
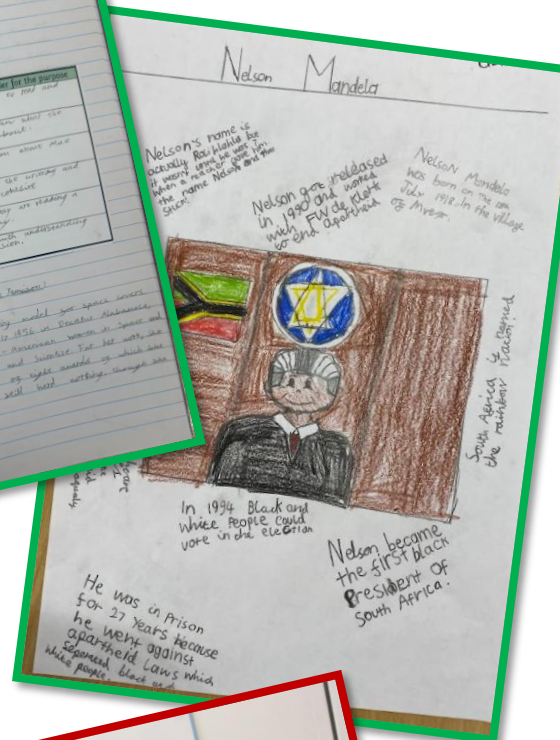
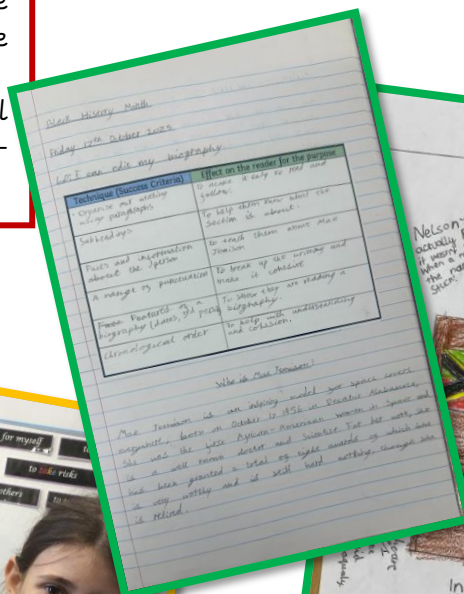
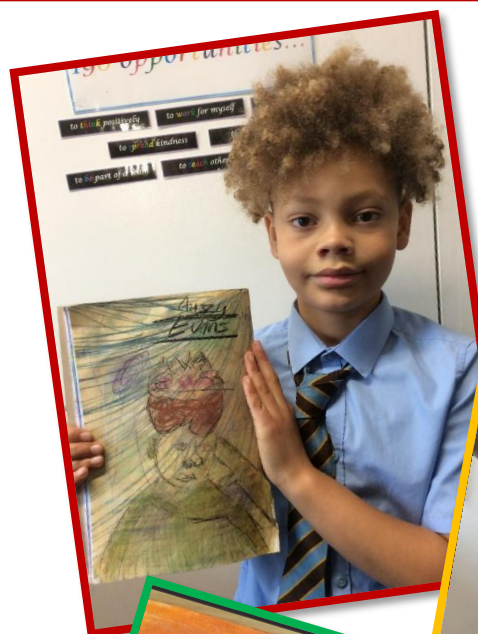
Autumn Term Black History Month

Year 6 researched Nelson Mandela and created a non-chronological report and poster about him. They learned about apartheid and how Nelson fought for change, even when imprisoned for 27 years, eventually becoming the President of South Africa.

They also learned about Betty Campbell who overcame setbacks and racism to pursue her goal of being a teacher. She eventually became Wales's first black headteacher and championed her nation's multicultural heritage throughout her life. Her work led to the creation of Black History Month.

In Art, we have learned about Jean-Michel Basquiat and are working on creating a self-portrait based on his style.

Year 5 focused on scientist Mae Jameson and Katherine Johnson as part of their science topic about Space. These women made a huge contribution to science and broke barriers in space exploration. Jameson as the first Black woman in space and Johnson as a pioneering mathematician whose calculations were critical in missions like Apollo 11.



Whole School Events

The whole school joined in a West African dance workshop this week. We listened to Afro Beats and performed together. We learned that there are 54 countries in Africa and each one is culturally very different, we learned that different types of music come from all of these rich and diverse countries.

We shared a celebratory lunch together on Thursday which the children said they enjoyed very much.

