

Raddlebarn's Curriculum Newsletter

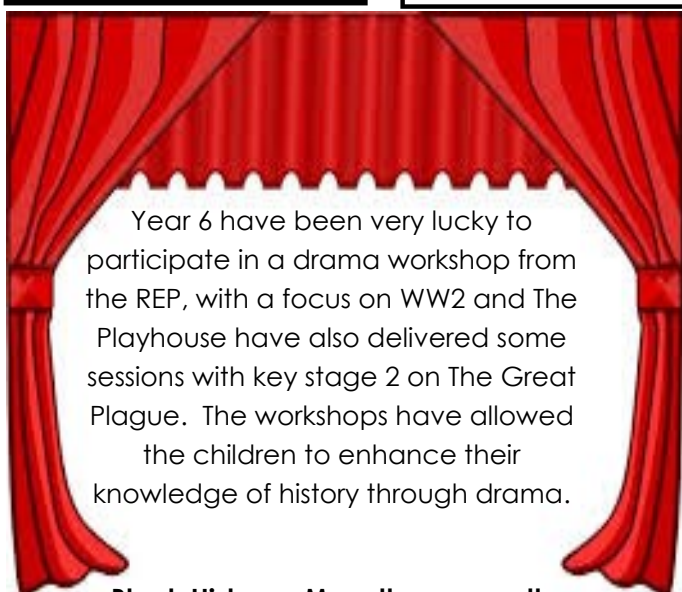
History

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It's been a busy half term for history at Raddlebarn, with many year groups kick-starting the school year with a history topic. Year 1 have been exploring Significant Figures, Year 3 The Stone Age and Year 6 World War 2. In addition to this, we have marked Black History Month, by learning about and recognising the contributions made by individuals of African and Caribbean descent. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the topics covered and their teachers are proud of their efforts.

Mrs Kyriacou



Black History – More than a month.



At Raddlebarn the teaching of diversity is present within our history curriculum and developed further each year. During October, we shine a spotlight on Black History, but this doesn't mean it has been squeezed into one month; teacher's at Raddlebarn are continuing to diversify the curriculum for all our pupils. Black History has been woven into our current areas of study to ensure that a natural flow of inclusive history is experienced across the school. Let's hear from our class teacher's:

Nursery have been learning about Lyda Newman, the inventor of the hairbrush as well as reading Hair Love, by Matthew Cherry. We have also been exploring the similarities and differences in our own hairstyles.

Reception have enjoyed listening to the story of 'Ada Twist, Scientist!' and learning about how curious she was, we have also created our very own African patterns!

Year 1 have been learning about Barack and Michelle Obama. We have learnt about Barack Obama's life and how he became the first black president of the United States of America. In English we wrote a biography about him.

Year 2 have been learning about Matthew Henson, the first African-American Explorer in the Arctic.

Year 3 have been learning about the Bristol Bus Boycott. We learnt how the black community were refused employment at a local bus company. Following peaceful protests, positive changes were made nationally.

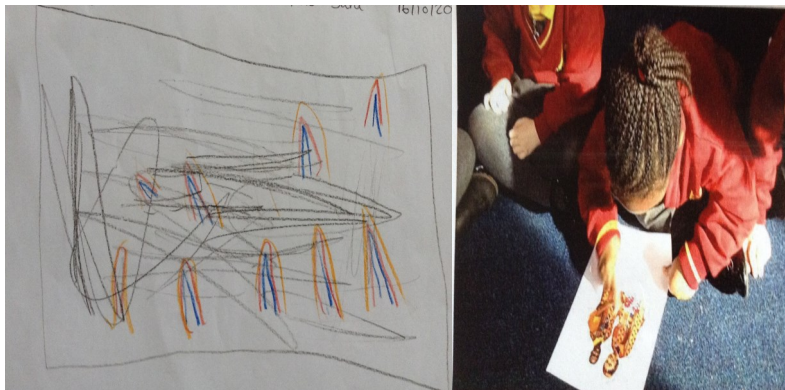
Year 4 have been evaluating the poetry and performances by Birmingham based poet, Benjamin Zephaniah. We compared his poetry to another black poet, called Lesley Pickney Hill.

Year 5 have been exploring music by Ella Fitzgerald and how she became famous in the jazz circuit.

Year 6 have been learning about the Tuskegee Airman, they were the very first African-American aviators during WW2 and paved the way for the desegregation of the US military.

A snapshot of History during the Autumn Term.

Nursery have been watching and reading the book 'Hair Love' by Matthew Cherry - looking at the similarities and differences in our own hair styles; creative activities transforming images of themselves with new hairstyles. As well as learning about Lydia Newman, the inventor of the hairbrush.



Reception have been exploring and creating amazing African patterns. Here's what the children had to say:

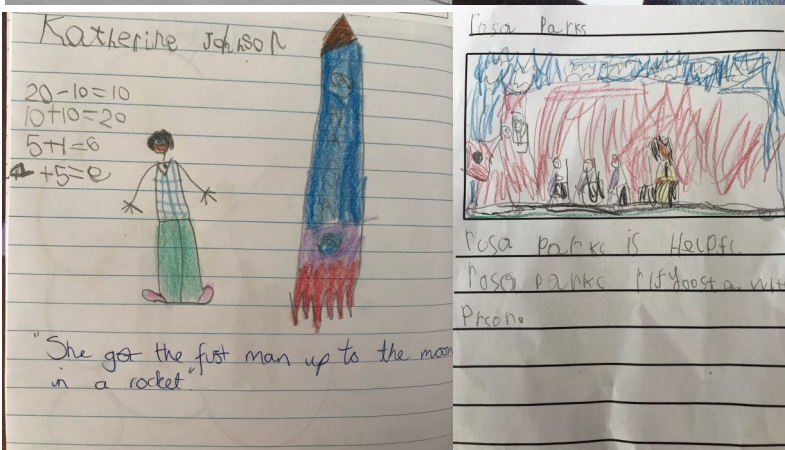
"I can see stripes"

"I can see different patterns"

Year 1 have been learning about Significant Figures from the past and how they have shaped our world. Here's some of the brilliant work they completed on Rosa Parks and Katherine Johnson. This is what the children thought about their topic:

"I liked learning about the people who made the world more fair"

"I liked learning about people from a long time ago"



Year 3 have been investigating what life was like during The Stone Age. Here's an example of their cave artwork as well practising their enquiry-based skills on Skara Brae. Here's what the children thought about their topic:

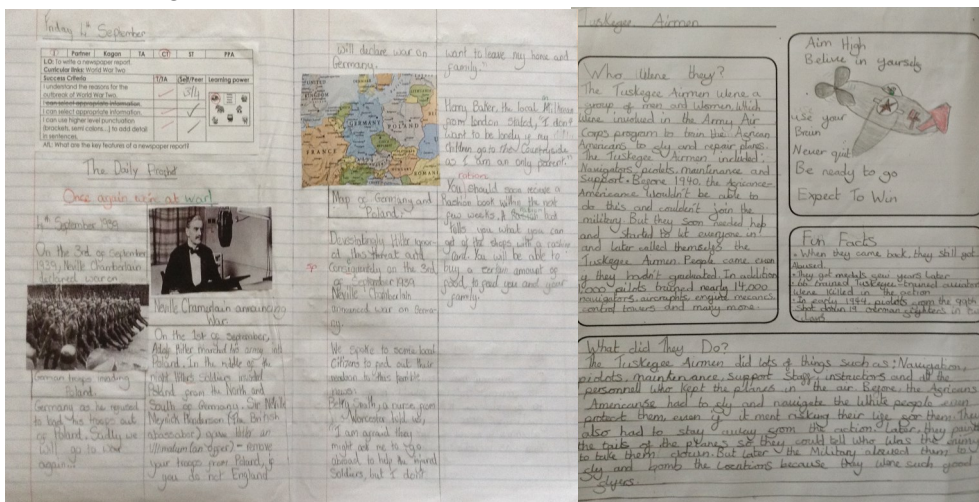
"I enjoyed learning about the Stone Age and I can't believe it was 3 million years ago. I learnt that they used spears to hunt animals. I loved reading the Stone Age Boy"



Year 6 have been exploring World War 2, they've carried out historical enquiries on how the war started, impact of the Blitz, roles of women during the war as well as the contributions made by the Tuskegee Aviators. Here's what the children had to say about their topic:

"My favourite part was learning about how Neville Chamberlain announced the war on Germany and why. I also enjoyed writing the pretend news for the next day"

"I loved doing the letter as a Land Girl because I got to pretend to be another person during war times. I also enjoyed it, as I got to describe it as if I were there. I loved learning all the ways they worked and in my letter was a farmer"



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