# Raddlebarn's Curriculum Newsletter



# **History**

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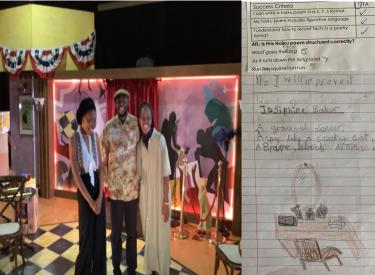
- Black History Month
- The MAC ~

  Josephine Baker
- Topics covered this term.

#### Hello!

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've had our whole school focus on Black History Month. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the topics covered and their teachers are proud of their efforts.





## Black History – More than a month.

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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 teachers:

**Nursery** have been learning about Lyda Newman, the inventor of the modern hairbrush as well as reading Hair Love, by Matthew Cherry, we have been exploring the similarities and differences in our own hairstyles. **Reception** have shared the story of 'Ada Twist Scientist'. They discovered that she was very curious and loved finding out about everything! So, they decided to be like Ada Twist. They thought of some great designs and then created them using blocks and magnets. They learnt that anybody can be a Scientist if they choose to

- Year 1 have been learning about Jesse Owens and his record breaking accomplishments.
- **Year 2** have been learning about Alice Coachman, we made posters documenting her amazing achievements in the world of athletics.
- **Year 3** have been learning about the artist Chris Ofili, who famously uses elephant dung in his artwork! Children researched his art and its meaning by creating colourful and informative posters.
- Year 4 watched a play about the iconic Josephine Baker and then wrote some Haiku poems about her.
- **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. .

### A snapshot of History topics during the Autumn Term.

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



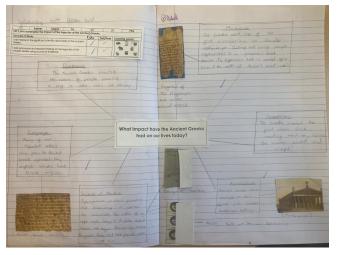




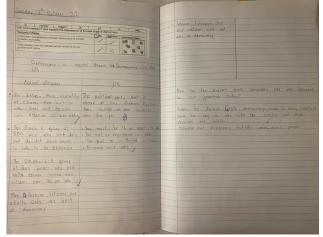




**Year 3** have been investigating what life was like during The Stone Age. Here's an example of their Stone Age villages.



Year 5 have been learning about the impact the ancient Greeks had on our lives today. The children researched the influence of the Greeks on our language, political systems, education, architecture and science.



Year 6 have been exploring World War 2, they've carried out historical enquiries on how the war started, the impact of the Blitz, wrote newspapers articles, created artwork as well as the learning about the contributions made by the Tuskegee Aviators.





