



# Victory Primary School Newsletter

October 2018

Learning, sharing and caring  
for each other!

## Black History Month.....

It's that time of year again, yes it's Black History Month. This year children have been learning about 'The Windrush Generation', and the contribution this generation of African Caribbean people have made to our country. Black History Month started with a whole school assembly, where children were given some information about African Caribbean people who arrived in the UK between 1948 and 1971. Each class studied one aspect of the Windrush Generation life in the UK, including food, music, accommodation, work and customs (Nine Nights). Our school ended Black History Month with an assembly about Dr Harold Moody who was inspirational and compassionate doctor who lived and worked in Peckham. Our final event was our Black History Month Exhibition, where children shared their knowledge of The 'Windrush Generation'.



## Our Homes.....

Ruby class have been studying the topic 'Our Homes'. They have been learning about how homes have changed over the years and they decided to build and create their own homes working in small groups. The architects of the future?



## Homework.....help us to help your child !

As a part of our Home School Agreement, all parents and carers have made the commitment to make sure that their child completes their homework to a good standard, and that it is returned on time. Some teachers have become concerned that children are not completing homework, because they do not have enough time. I agree that life can be very busy, but in order for our children to be successful, they need to have the opportunity to do their homework and practice the key skills they have been taught at school. So please can you support your child at home with their homework, and return it on time.



**HOMEWORK**

## The Romans.....

Emerald class have been working on the history topic of the Romans. They started by looking at the Roman soldiers and the armour they wore. They used water colour paint to make their own version of a Roman soldier. They finished their work on the Romans by designing and making a Roman Temple out of paper, team work was a necessity!

Okosibo said "I felt happy when I was building the temple, because it was fun. However, the Romans might have been tired because they had to carve the stones to make the pediment and columns."

Melricia said "The Romans would have felt proud of themselves when building the temple."



## The British Museum.....

Sapphire Class visited the African Galleries at the British Museum to celebrate their learning. They saw many artefacts originating from the ancient Kingdom of Benin, which they had been studying in history.

"When we arrived, we searched for the Benin plaques and found out how they lived. The King only visited his Kingdom once a year!" remembers Ayo. In the galleries, the children used their sketch books to record what they saw.

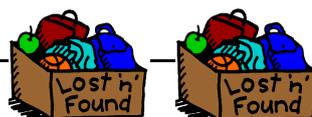
Jonathan said, "We saw some amazing things like a colossal sculpture with a shark tail on its back".

During a presentation, the children learnt many things about the culture and history of Benin through the art-work and artefacts on display. They saw an Oba (ruler of Benin) swinging two leopards by their tails and a little pangolin which could escape from a big leopard. "Well, that's shocking!" said Kushi. The whole class agreed that it was a great day out.



## School uniform.....

I have seen an increase in the amount of children who are wearing the correct school uniform, but there are still some children who are wearing jumpers without our school logo or incorrect shoes and trainers for PE. Please can parents/carers buy their child the correct school uniform because we will be having more regular uniform checks this half term. Also, please come and check our lost property box, we have lots of unclaimed clothes.



## SEN Parents workshop....

Earlier in the term we had our first SEN workshop. This workshop was well attended and provided parents with some very valuable and practical strategies for how they can encourage reluctant readers to read at home. Thank you to our SENCO Ms Blackburn for leading the workshop and to all the parents/carers who attended. We will be having another SEN workshop for parents next term.,

### Stone Age.....

Diamond Class, have been learning about the Stone Age and the Iron Age. As part of their D and T topic, they made Iron Age homes (which could have been found on a hillfort) using cardboard, sellotape and paper. When they had finished building their Iron Age homes, they carefully painted them and left them to dry. Below are the different stages Emerald Class went through to create their Iron Age house.



### The Voice of Victory.....

Amber Class have been studying stories about the ice and snow, they then wrote a newspaper article wrote a newspaper article about Tom's dad being lost in the North Pole.....

#### Lost in the North Pole!

After seven weeks waiting to be rescued, a famous explorer has finally returned home. Last Thursday, on 18th October Tom's dad returned home from his epic seven week adventure lost in the Arctic. This famous explorer went to the North Pole to investigate the weather and the changes in temperature. He also wanted to see how snow wolves hunt and survive in the long, cold winters in the Arctic. To learn more about snow wolves, he had to climb a dangerous, slippery cliff. Unfortunately, he was very heavy and the cliff gave way. After a big fall,

Tom's dad injured his leg so he was asked how he felt "I am happy I survived this dangerous situation." To his surprise, his son, who is just a young boy, rescued him. Back home, Tom's dad is getting ready and planning to go on another adventure with his son.



### Dates for your diary

#### **Maths Workshop for Parents/Carer**

KS1/EYFS on 13.11.18 at 2.30pm and KS2 on 14.11.18 at 2.30pm

**Parent's Evening - 7. 12.18 at 3.45pm to 6.45pm**

#### Class Assemblies

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

Gold and Silver Class

9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Ruby Class

