

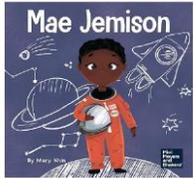


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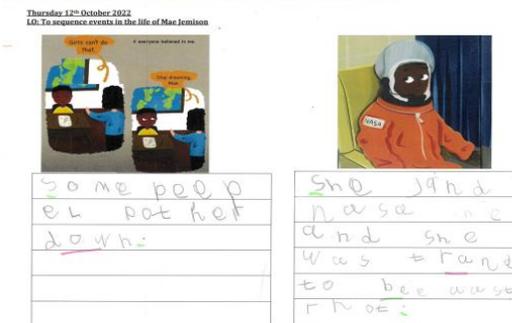
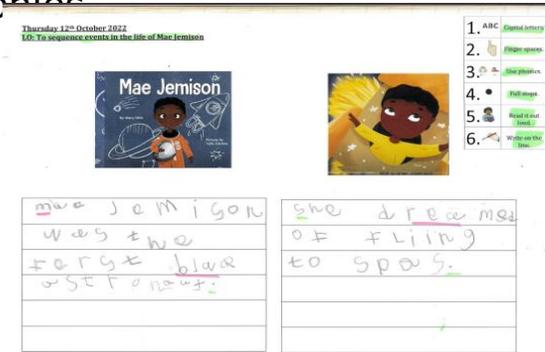
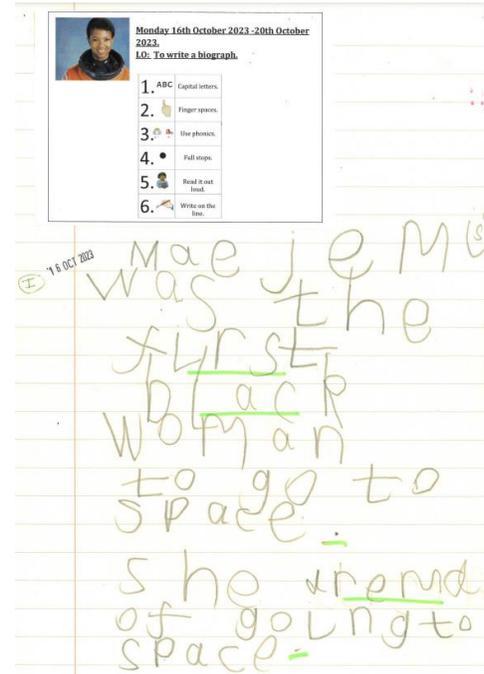
Inspire, Aspire, Achieve, Together we grow.

Black History Month Newsletter October 2023

While black history is celebrated all year round, Black History Month is marked annually. It recognises and values the inspirational individuals and events that have shaped our world. During Black History Month we remember and celebrate the important people from the past and also those who contribute to and help our society today. Although, it goes without saying, these are histories and lives that must be recognised and valued throughout the year; October is a special time when we acknowledge them nationwide. Teachers at Hannah Ball planned a series of lessons and activities that were designed to explore this area of the curriculum. This year, we celebrated Black history with a focus on reading and writing. Have a peek of what your children have been learning.



In Year 1, we learnt about Mae Jemison, who an engineer, physician, and former NASA astronaut. She became the first African-American woman to travel into space. We were inspired by her determination as we read her life story. We did some character descriptions and produced biographies.





As proud historians, Year 2 explored a story about the triumph of hope, love, and determination, 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin. Pupils were inspired by this true story of Baroness Benjamin who came from Trinidad as young girl, to London as part of the Windrush generation and later becoming a member of the House of Lords. We wrote some diary entries in the role of Windrush children exploring our feelings and experiences of coming to England.

LO: To write a diary entry (hot task).

Success Criteria:

- I can use features of the text,
- I can use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.
- I can use an expanded noun phrase.
- I can use a conjunction.



Thursday 5th October 2023
LO: To write a diary entry (cold task).

I like in Trinidad. I went
on a boat. Me and my family
live in London. My new friends
wer ride to me.

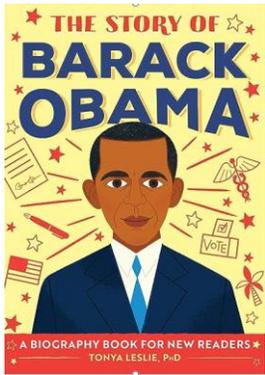
Wednesday 10th October 1960
Dear Daddy

Moving to London was
tass. London is disrent -
beautiful calm island of
Trinidad. It is cold and rainy
in London whichas Trinidad
is hot even in the rainy
Seysen. In Trinidad we had
Sweet Watery mangoes.
big scrumptious sweet
potatoes. In the bustling
city of London Tall skay.
Skaypers and Tall bildings
lots people. There are fast
underground trans* moving
Sters but people are unkind.
I miss the sandy clear
water at home. At home
we had lollye home
with we had a lollye garden

Monday 16th October 2023
LO: To use conjunctions.



Trinidad is calm whereas
London is loud. Trinidad is
serene whereas London is
super. Cold. Trinidad is very
hot whereas London is very
busy.



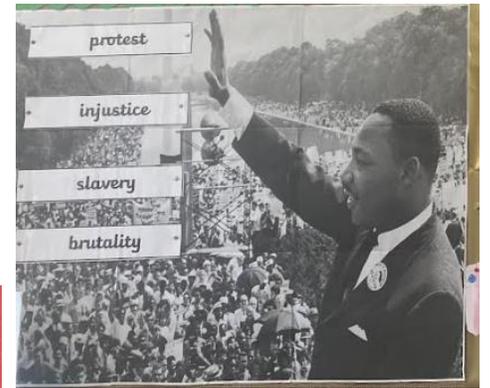
Year 4's Road Trip to America theme took them to Honolulu, Hawaii, where Barack Hussein Obama was born. They learnt his life story and compared his work to that of the Civil Rights Activist, Dr Martin Luther King Jr. The story of Barack Obama reminded pupils that no matter where you come from, we can find hope in hard work.

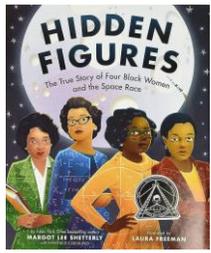
Barack Obama left Hawaii to go to Occidental college in Los Angeles in 1979. 2 years later he went to Columbia University in New York City in 1981. One day Barack Obama's dad invited him to come to Kenya. Unfortunately, Barack's dad died in a car accident in ^{Chicago} Chicago in 1982. After his dad be a community organizer. One day Barack met Michelle ^{Obama} they fell in love so they got married. ~~He~~ ^{she} became a senator. Barack was doing his ^{own} speech to become president. Barack Obama became president in 4th November 2008.

Barack Hussein Obama
Barack Obama was famous because he was the first black president of the United States of America. He was the 44th president of USA. Also he was one of the youngest presidents.

Early life

Barack was born on the 4th of August in Honolulu Hawaii. His parents were Ann Obama and Barack Obama. Ann Obama was white and Barack was black. It was difficult for black and white people to get married because of discrimination and racial segregation.





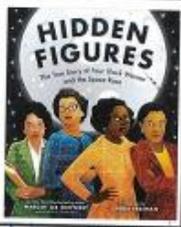
Linked with their Space topic, Year 5 were incredibly inspired by this true story of four black women who helped NASA launch men into space. Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden were good at maths...*really* good.

They participated in some of NASA's greatest successes, like providing the calculations for America's first journeys into space. And they did so during a time when being black and a woman limited what they could do. But they worked hard to overcome persisted. And they used t

Task: To summarise what you know about 'Hidden Figures' using the past tense.

Remember to include all the important points in the order they happened.

Challenge: To include some expanded noun phrases and prepositions.



Dorothy Vaughn did incredible things while she was alive. This successful smart figure tested small airplane models to make sure they were safe for use. Vaughn also became her school's valedictorian. Mary Jackson fought for black women's rights and was the first woman to get her name signed on a group report.

moon and back. Geyola calculated the trajectory of astronaut Alan Shepard's historic flight in 1961. Johnson was 102 years old. Later in her career, Katherine worked on the space shuttle program, the Earth resources satellite, and on plans for a mission to Mars.

Legacy

Katherine is an important figure for women's history and equality at NASA also in the USA. She has said "girls are capable of doing everything men are capable of doing" and set an excellent example for women in STEM and beyond.

Did you know Know facts

Did you know in 2015 Geyola was awarded the presidential medal of freedom by ex-president Barack Obama.

Did you know Geyola was one of the first black students integrated into West Virginia's graduate schools

Did you know Katherine wrote the book on space travel (literally).

Did you know NASA named a spacecraft after Geyola.

Katherine helped men go to the moon.



Task: To write 4 sentences about Dorothy Vaughan and NASA using expanded noun phrases.

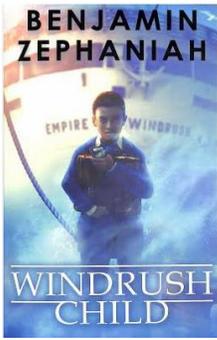
Challenge: To include prepositions to add further detail.



The clever, brave woman, in the middle of her office, fought for her rights. Dorothy

The vast, silver satellite orbiting the Earth, had thousands hoping it would return back down.

This incredible black woman looked around nervously.



Year 6 brought forgotten history to life through Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephaniah. They examined a range of historical evidence relating to HSS Empire Windrush's arrival in Britain from the Caribbean and considered the motivations of those on-board for coming to the UK. Working through the story, they uncovered a timeline of Jamaica's history alongside the experiences of those journeying to Britain after the Second World War. They finished off by uncovering the Windrush scandal and getting their journalistic skills to work and writing a newspaper article on this 2018 news headline.

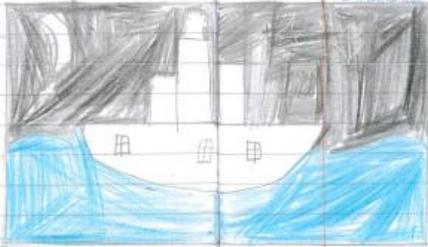
THE WINDRUSH

What was the Windrush Generation?

After the Second World War the UK were suffering from financial issues after spending it all on weapons. Also the United Kingdom needed more workers so they tried to get people from the other Commonwealth countries to work for them. As a result of this Empire Windrush sailed from Kingston, Jamaica and took 1027 passengers to the UK.

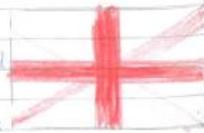
How was life for the Windrush Generation?

At first, before they arrived, they thought that it would be better but they were disappointed by the climate. The people on this boat had many different skills. Sadly, they weren't treated very well because of their race. They also struggled to find housing because of their race and their kids often got bullied in school. They tried to find jobs that they used to do before coming to the UK. And many people did end up in work places they were qualified. Many people worked in transport, manufacturing and the national health service (NHS).



Who were the Windrush Generation?

In 1948 the United Kingdom need workers and they had a serious shortage of labourers. To fix these problems they encouraged members of the Commonwealth of Nations to emigrate if they wanted to work for them. This caught the eye of many people from the Caribbean. Not long after, Empire Windrush took people



GENERATION

from Kingston to London. This ship took men, women and children and they were later known as the Windrush generation. Many planned to stay for a couple of years but they ended up staying for the rest of their lives.

What was the Windrush Scandal?

In 2018, most of the Windrush Generation were threatened to get sent back even if they had been here since they were 5. Many were told they were here illegally because they had no paperwork to prove they are not here illegally. Some people lost their jobs while others were taken to NHS care or business. Theresa May (the old prime minister) apologised for this incident. And made sure they remained in the UK. National Windrush day was established on 22nd June 2018. It was here to honour the Windrush generation to the British society and culture.

