

Important dates and Celebrations:

Monday	1 st Nov	All Saints' Day	Christian
Tuesday	2 nd Nov	All Souls' Day	Christian
Thursday	4 th Nov	Diwali/Deepavali	Hindu Holiday
Friday	5 th Nov	Guy Fawkes Day	
Sunday	14 th Nov	Remembrance Sunday	
Friday	19 th Nov	Children in Need	Wear spots, bring £1 for Children in Need
Sunday	28 th Nov	First Sunday of Advent	
Monday	29 th Nov	First Day of Hanukkah	Jewish holiday
Tuesday	30 th Nov	St Andrew's Day	
Monday	6 th Dec	Last day of Hanukkah	Jewish holiday
Wednesday	8 th Dec	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Christian
Friday	17 th Dec	End of term	School finishes early
Tuesday	21 st Dec	December Solstice	
Friday	24 th Dec	Christmas Eve	
Saturday	25 th Dec	Christmas Day	Bank holiday, Christian holiday
Sunday	26 th Dec	Boxing Day	
Monday	27 th Dec	Bank holiday	
Tuesday	28 th Dec	Bank holiday	
Friday	31 st Dec	New Year's Eve	



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CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

RISE UP



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been delightful to see the children blossom into such characters and enthusiastic learners last term, preparing them for much more exciting learning opportunities this term! This term, our focus is 'young gifted and black', where the children will have various opportunities to explore influential black people of both past and present. It would be even better if, you could share with your children any inspirational black people you are familiar with. We have interesting projects across all our foundation subjects bursting with creativity and fun! Stay warm and keep safe.

Kind regards,
Miss James, Muna and Michelle

RISE UP

Autumn 2 2021

Maths

This term we will be revisiting our four operations using concrete resources to help us. We will be using the column method to add and subtract 3-digit and 4-digit numbers. Then, we will be learning about length & perimeter. You can support this learning by discussing and comparing the measurements of objects around the house.

Reading

The children will work in class to support their reading progress. We will work on our fluency and understanding skills whilst reading a variety of engaging texts throughout the term. We will use dictionaries to look up the meaning of unfamiliar words, and apply our growing knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes to read aloud and understand the meaning of new words.

Science

This half term the children will be investigating vibrations, sound and hearing. They will work scientifically by setting up practical enquiries, and use these results to draw conclusions, suggest improvement, new questions and make predictions for further tests. The children will experience a range of sound and get a chance to design their own instrument and musician study.

Music

This half term Year 4 will be exploring classical music and composers. Alongside Mozart and Chopin, they will have the opportunity to learn about some lesser known black composers such as Samuel Coleridge Taylor and Florence Price.

Writing

This half term our writing will be linked to our unit 'Young, Gifted and Black'. The children will recap and learn to apply different grammar strategies such as conjunctions, adverbs, expanded noun phrases and many more in their writing. As writers the children will learn and write a recount of Ruby Bridges' first day at school and have a go at writing their own Martin Luther King speeches!

This half term in Year 4...

History and Geography

The focus in this topic of 'Young and Gifted' is to use historical and geographical skills to celebrate key significant figures in the 20th Century. In practice, this will mean research, using primary and secondary sources, to describe the social diversity of a past society. These key figures will be explored and placed on a timeline using dates, and will be related to the world map.

Religious Education

Children will explore the religion Children will explore the religion of Christianity in detail. We will focus on Beatitudes and what they mean for Christians, as well as how the message of Peace is delivered in the Bible- especially at Christmas time.

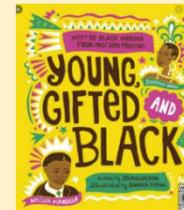
Computing

We will prototype an interactive toy addressing representation in the toy industry. The children will experience an insight into interactive toys from scratch. Additionally, they will learn to use sensors and outputs.

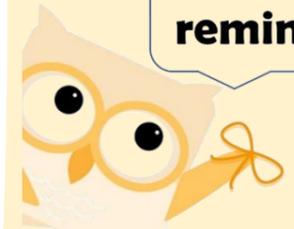
Art

In this unit, children will be learning about the famous artist Jean Michel Basquait. We will use our drawing and painting skills to design our own page for the book 'Young, Gifted and Black'. The design will be in the style of the illustrator and will make up the '53rd icon of colour.

We are reading:



Just a reminder...



Can you please check your child's clothes regularly to ensure they are labelled so they are easily identifiable.

Please ensure that your child is wearing their P.E. kit on **Wednesday and Thursday** for their lesson.