

## Important dates and Celebrations:

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



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**RISE UP**



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been hugely rewarding to see the children blossom into such characters and enthusiastic learners last term! We hope you are in great spirits and that you have had a chance to relax and reset for 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 the past and present. Please could you share with your children any inspirational black people you are familiar with as this will help your child hugely prepare. We have interesting projects across all our foundation subjects bursting with creativity and fun!

As the weather is beginning to get colder, please ensure students are coming to school in labelled jumpers and coats. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me at the end of the day or make an appointment via the office.

Kind regards,  
Miss Kaur and Michelle

**Autumn 2 2021**

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## 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.

## 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!

## 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.

## 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.

# 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 '53<sup>rd</sup> icon of colour.

## 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.

## 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 **Thursday** for their lesson.