

Overstone Combined School

Key Stage One Autumn Newsletter

23rd October 2020

We have had a fantastic first half term since returning from the summer break. The children have adapted so well to the differences in their school day, whether these are due to the current restrictions or from moving into the Key Stage One Setting. With the children's help, we are making Key Stage One a safe and happy place to learn and try new things.



Key Stage One Topic

This term our topic is '**This Is England.**' Throughout this topic, the children will be learning about many different aspects of the country they live in.

We have looked at the work of **L.S Lowry**, and a masterpiece of house know decorates one of the Year Two classroom's boards. In History, the pupils have been introduced to **Queen Boudicca**. She seems to have captured some pupil's imaginations with her rampage on the Romans. They have enjoyed sequencing some of the events in her memorable life and comparing life for the Iceni with life today. In Year One, the children have painted colourful, season trees in the style of **David Hockney**. They have also been learning a **rap song** and creating their own.

The focus for Science, in both classes, has been the **weather**. We have experienced and recorded a variety of weathers, which are common in **England**. The children have also looked at the **seasons** and some more 'extreme' weathers, which can affect people in **England** and around the world.

I liked History because I liked making brooches for Boudicca. Ivy W.

I enjoyed singing the rap song 'Hey You.' Tomas

Black History Month



October is 'Black History Month.' To learn and celebrate more about this subject, Year Two have thought about **diversity**, in class and across **England**. We have also used the book 'Coming To England' by Floella Benjamin, which tells of her journey to **England** and the **Windrush Generation**. In Year One, the children have looked at the life of **Mary Seacole**.



Reading Books

Following half term, we shall resume sending reading books home. Our pupils will be the first to bring home the new **Read Write Inc.** books. These books are linked to our phonics scheme and each child's books are matched to the sound knowledge they are developing through their phonics sessions. They will also bring home the **phonics reading books** they are using in their phonics sessions. The children will have read these regularly throughout the week and should practice reading these alongside their reading books, hopefully with increasing independence. This could become a lovely **story time** with you being read to!

Dates For Your Diary

Parent's Evening - Week Beginning Monday 9th November
3.30 - 5.30pm Monday to Thursday
Wear It Green (Macmillan Charity) - Fri 6th November
Children In Need Day - Fri 13th November
School Photographer - Tues 17th November
Christmas Holiday - Friday 19th December

Reminders

PLEASE ensure all items of school uniform, including PE clothes, are clearly labelled. This will help reunite misplaced items with their owner and develop independence for the children.

Next Half: In Science we shall be looking at light and dark. For this, could the Year 2 children please bring a glass jar for an upcoming activity.

In History, we shall move on to the Great Fire Of London. For this the each child will need to bring in a cereal box. Any extras will be gratefully received also.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us, either at home time or through the class dojo page. Kindest regards, Mr Bradman and Mrs Dallas.