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Friday 16th October 2026

NURSERY

For Black History Month, Nursery learned about Stephen Wiltshire who was a well respected black British Artist. He created amazing landscapes and skylines from memory of multiple cities from around the world. The children in Nursery loved learning about him and his inspirational work. As you can see Nursery were inspired.



"Do the best you can and never stop." Stephen Wiltshire



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RECEPTION

Reception have enjoyed learning about Mary Seacole and her important role in caring for others. As part of our learning, the children painted beautiful Jamaican-inspired flowers, drew thoughtful portraits of Mary Seacole, and designed their own nurse's bags filled with medical supplies. Through stories, discussions and creative activities, we explored how Mary helped people and showed great kindness and courage. We also talked about aspirations and different careers in medicine, helping the children to think about how they too could make a difference by caring for others in the future.

"I want to be a nurse!" - Agalisai

"I want to be a dentist when I grow up." - AJ





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YEAR 1

In Year 1 we explored the life of Mae Jemison and how inspirational it is to go after your dream no matter what. Year 1 talked about the challenges that held her back but that she didn't stop striving to reach her dream.

The children learned how to draw a step by step rocket, made a split pin astronaut and we had an excellent discussion about 'what would you take to space'.

The children were inspired to tell each other what they wanted to do in their futures and were confident that nothing will hold them back from what they want to achieve too!



Alfie- 'Mae wanted to be an astronaut but it was hard because her teacher told her to be a nurse and not a scientist.'

Lillyanne- 'She didn't give up and then she was an astronaut.'

Where did Mae Jemison go? **Cody- 'Oh yeah, the moon.'**





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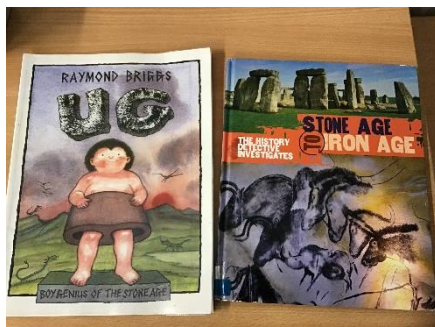
YEAR 2

This week, as part of Black History Month, Year 2 learnt all about Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock, a Black British space scientist and engineer. We explored how scientists use telescopes and advanced technology to study planets and discover more about our amazing universe. Inspired by our learning, we used a range of circular objects to print planets of different sizes, before adding stars with chalk or white paint to create our own beautiful space scenes.



YEAR 3

This morning year 3 enjoyed their first visit Sacriston Library. This term the children in history, are learning about "Through the Ages". They listened to key facts about what people did and how they lived in the Stone Age. They then listened to a wonderful story and examined flint stone and discussed its purposes.





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YEAR 4

As part of Black History Month, Year 4 studied Walter Tull. We learnt that he was born in England and that he was a very talented footballer, who played for Tottenham Hotspur in 1909. When the First World War began in 1914, professional football stopped until the war was over. He then joined the army and was sent to fight in France. In November 1916, he fought in the Battle of the Somme before moving back to England to begin training as an officer. Before this time, only a White, British-born person could train for this role. After learning about Walter Tull, we completed a piece of artwork representing him both as a soldier and a footballer.



YEAR 5

As part of their learning this week, the children in Year 5 learnt all about Mary Seacole. This significant historical figure was their focal point for designing an informative fact-file and poster as part of Black History Month. The children completed a reading comprehension and watched a video recreation of Mary's life and learned of her important contributions to the Crimean war effort, as well as her own personal struggles as a woman of colour.

"Mary Seacole as born in Kingston, Jamaica in 1805" - Willow E

"She faced racism and prejudice" - Thomas





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YEAR 6

To celebrate Black History Month, Year 6 have been learning about the inspiring artist Alma Thomas, one of the first Black women to gain national recognition for her artwork. The children explored her vibrant use of colour, pattern and brushstrokes, discussing how she captured the beauty of the world around her through her paintings inspired by Alma Thomas's unique style, the children then created their own colourful landscape artworks. They carefully selected bright colours and used repeated patterns to represent natural scenes, producing some truly eye-catching pieces. We were so impressed by their creativity and enthusiasm!





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Class Attendance

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.5%	96.3%	95%	95.4%	97%	95.3%	94%	99.4%

Weekly Awards

Our Headteacher Playtime Awards were presented today to **Y2** and **Y3**

The following children have all impressed their class teacher:

Nursery: Rosie M

Reception: Arthur M

Year 1: Isla F

Year 2: Riley-May P

Year 3: Amelia Y

Year 4: Eleanor BL

Year 5: Tobias A

Year 6: Layla W



Perfect Presentation:

Reception: Charles H

Year 1: Cody B

Year 2: Molly M

Year 3: Harry E

Year 4: Finn R

Year 5: Zara H

Year 6: Lucas C





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Breakfast Club

We offer the Government's Free Breakfast Club programme. All children from Reception to Year 6 are welcome to join us for a healthy breakfast free of charge before the school day begins. The start time is 8.15am.

In addition, we offer the option of an Early Drop Off Breakfast Club at a charge of £1.50 per day. This service can be accessed from 7.50am.

School Dinners

The menu for week beginning 19th October is week 2. School dinners are £15.40 per week, paid online by Monday please.

Free School Meals

We encourage all parents/carers that have not already done so to complete the free school meals checker below. The guidelines have changed and more children are now entitled to free school meals.

[Free School Meals Eligibility Checker](#)

Year 5/6 Football

All football will be played at Meadowfield Leisure Centre - 3.45pm till 5pm

- Thursday 22nd October



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Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 19 th October	Year 4 Bee Netball Trip
Monday 19 th October	Year 1 – Year 6 Halloween Movie Night (all information on dojo)
Wednesday 21 st October 10:40	Reception & Nursery Halloween Stay and Play
Friday 23 rd October	Break up for Half Term
Monday 9 th November	Return To School
Wednesday 11 th November	Face to Face Parent Consultations
Thursday 12 th November	Telephone Parent Consultations
Friday 13 th November	Reception – Year 6 Flu Vaccinations
Friday 13 th November	Year 2 Athletics Festival
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need (more details to follow)
Friday 20 th November	Non Uniform Day (for donations towards Christmas Fayre)
Friday 4 th December 14:30	Christmas Fayre
Friday 11 th December	Travelling Panto In School (Jack & The Beanstalk)
Tuesday 15 th December (AM)	Early Years Nativity
Tuesday 15 th December (PM)	Key Stage 1 Nativity
Wednesday 16 th December (AM)	Early Years Stay and Play
Friday 18 th December	Break Up For Christmas
Tuesday 5 th January 2027	Return To School



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