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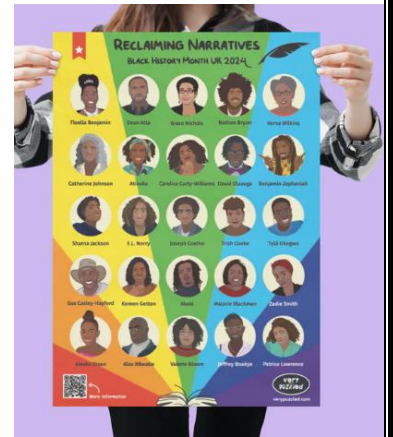
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4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear parents and carers,

It is hard to believe we are in October already! The weather has certainly turned very autumnal this week. 1<sup>st</sup> October marks the beginning of Black History Month. We held special launch assemblies where we discussed celebrated black authors. Some, like Malorie Blackman, Floella Benjamin and Benjamin Zephaniah were very familiar to the children but there were others such as Verna Wilkins, Atinuke and Joseph Coelho who were less well known. Some of the children were excited to do their own research to find out more about them and their writing.



Next week we will be writing to invite you to make an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher to see how well they have settled into the new term and to share some of the lovely learning they have been doing. Please look out for the letter and appointment slip in your child's book bag.

As the weather starts to get a little more chilly, please remember to make sure all items of children's clothing (coats, hats, gloves etc) are clearly labelled with their name to help us return lost property items to the correct children. Thank you.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Warm wishes

Manda George

Headteacher



### Rights Respecting School

As we celebrate the launch of Black History Month, we have been discussing the importance of celebrating each others heritage and culture. During our assemblies, we highlighted the contributions and achievements of those with African and Caribbean heritage throughout history.



## Spring Bulb Lucky Dip

We are inviting children to buy a £1 Spring bulb from school this Autumn to plant at home in a pot.



Bulbs will be on sale in the main playground after school on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October



In the Spring term we will be inviting children to bring their Spring flower into school to display.

Manda will then judge the flowers to pick a winner!

All funds raised from the sale of Spring bulbs will go directly towards the continuous development of our Forest School and Allotment areas.

## Oriental Fine Arts Academy



Congratulations to Jesika (5V) who was awarded a certificate by the Oriental Fine Arts Academy, London.

She successfully passed after her exam where she was required to perform a traditional dance and complete a tough question and answer session.

Well done Jesika – we are all very proud of you!

## Friends of Torridon PTA Committee Election

Thanks to Nina Stylianou, Ruth Webster, and Megan Wybrew for volunteering to lead the PTA as charity trustees. Please take a moment to [submit our form](#) to confirm their election.

We are still looking for people to help organise events and oversee special projects. Find out more about what's involved [here](#).

Questions or suggestions? Get in touch at [friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com).

Thank you!



## Forest School News

This term Year 2 are learning about dragons and dungeons. We found out that dragons love to eat worms so the children took advantage of the wet weather and went on the biggest worm hunt. They even prepared worm soup and a worm and apple pie for the dragons!



Year 4 are learning about Victorian Britain and were set a team work challenge to collect water from the water butts and transfer it to the other end of the woodland. It is safe to say we have some very competitive children in Year 4!



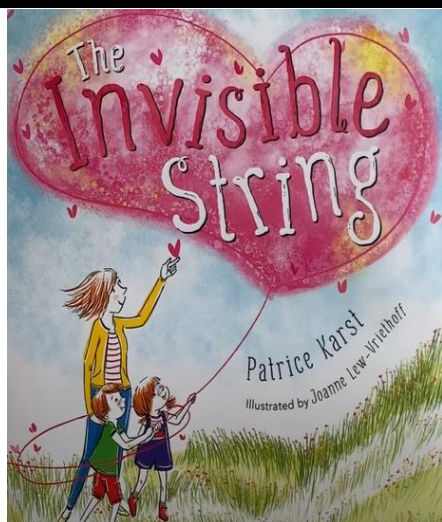
## Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
1M	97%		3A	98%		5C	95%	
1N	99%	🏆	3G	99%	🏆	5L	98%	🏆
1W	93%		3S	90%		5V	95%	
2S	96%		4K	93%		6A	97%	
2SW	92%		4L	99%		6R	97%	
2E	95%		4S	94%		6L	92%	

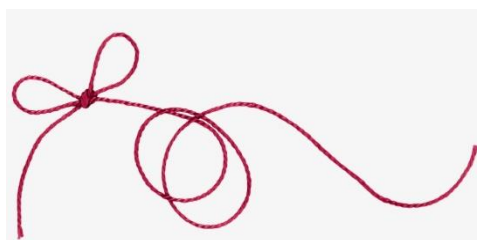
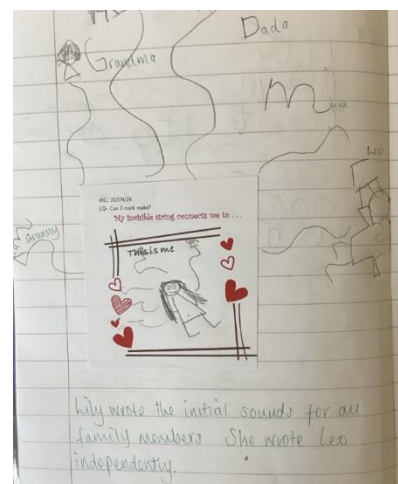
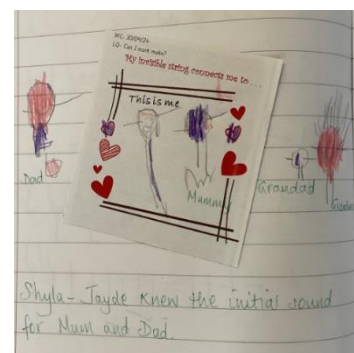
Well done to all the classes who won the attendance cup this week!



# Reception – Our Invisible Strings



As part of our theme 'All about me', Reception have been reading a new core text 'The Invisible String'. The story teaches us that we are always connected to our loved ones by an invisible string, no matter how far from us they might be. We loved talking to each other about those most special to us and who our invisible strings were connected to, including those we live with, friends from school, and our pets!



## Year 1 Computing – Mouse Skills



This week, Year 1 have been working hard to develop their mouse skills.



We have been using Paint on laptops - we explored the different tools and colours to create these beautiful drawings.

## Resource Base Sensory Sessions



This week we have been focusing on exploring using our senses. On Thursday, we thought about how things feel and used communication boards to say sentences/ phrases about shaving foam, slime, hot and cold water, spiky balls and feathers. The children really enjoyed exploring the different textures.





# Directions to the Wilderness

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This week year 2 have had lots of fun writing directions to the wilderness so that George can return the naughty, mischievous dragons. We had to make sure we included time adverbs and expanded noun phrases so George is able to find exactly where he needs to go.



Thursday 2nd October 2024  
 Q: Can I write directions?  
 Q: Can I use time adverbs?  
 First go through the busy city full of people, cinemas and big shops.  
 Next we are in the floating fortress be careful because there are gorgons.  
 After that the floating power drops us over the hot air balloon covered in bright purple hot patterns.  
 Then we go rock on the steep, tall mountains.  
 Soon after we arrive at the magnificent castle.  
 Finally we are at the wilderness.

Thursday 3rd October 2024  
 Q: Can I use time adverbs?  
 First we explored the big city.  
 Next we <sup>new</sup> explored through the caves, right through the forest.  
 Then we ran through the shivering hot air balloons.  
 A soon we climbed through the exalted, mad, most of us.  
 A short while later we reached the long, giant castle.  
 Finally we got to the hot wilderness.  
 A fantastic use of time adverbs! ☺

Thursday 3rd October 2024  
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 Q: Can I write directions?  
 Q: Can I use time adverbs?  
 First go through the busy city where tall skyscrapers are.  
 Next explore the wonderful floating fortress.  
 Then go on the hot air balloon and see the heads of trees.  
 After that climb the vast, rocky mountain where clouds gather.  
 Soon visit the magnificent, giant castle which is made from wood.  
 Finally, reach the little dragons at their home where wild flowers grow.  
 Beautiful

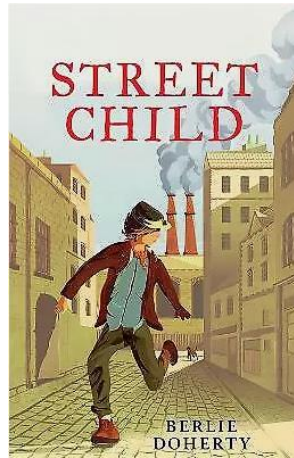
## Year 3 Catford Visit



This week, year 3 went on a local trip to visit the Catford Cat. We even spotted the mouse, who looks a little bit scared to be so near a giant cat... Visiting the sights of Catford has inspired our writing this week. In our stories, the teachers fall asleep on the bus, and year 3 sneak off to visit the enormous, glorious fibre-class cat! Except, is he just a fibre-glass cat, or does he actually come to life and speak? You'll have to read our stories to find out.









## Year 4 – Reading and Writing



We are really enjoying our core text, *Street Child*. To prepare for writing our diary entries as the main character, Jim, we took part in a hot seating activity where we asked and answered questions in role.

## Year 5 History – London Evolution

This week, year 5 have been learning about the role London played during the Industrial Revolution. New transport links helped to boost trade, supporting industry growth across the country.

Key Inventions			
1800s- Railway Network	1838- Photography	1840- Penny Black Stamp	1843- Christmas Cards
			
1852- British Pillar Post Box	1852- Public Flushing Toilet	1863- London Underground Railway	1872- The Penny-Farthing Bicycle
			
1876- Telephone	1879- Electric Bulb	1885- Petrol Motor Car	1895- X-rays
			



# Year 6 History – World War 2

Year 6 have continued their learning about World War 2. They started by learning the cause of the war and the countries that were involved. They have specifically focused on how the war affected our local area. As part of their learning, they have compared the events of World War 2 with the current war between Russia and Ukraine and they have made some links. They have also considered some of the factors that made significant impacts during the war and the consequences and effects of these events.

What effect did the war have on our local area?

Germany targeted London in their bombing raids

Capital city

Put out of action

Affect the war effort

Demoralise the nation

The Blitz

September 1940-May 1941

The Blitz changed the landscape of the city.

Sandhurst school Catford was bombed on 20th January 1943.

Friendly invasion

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US Army's 34th Infantry Division, landed in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

The British held off Nazi Germany for over two years

1.5 million were either stationed in Great Britain or pass through to fight in North Africa, Italy, France, and Germany.

100,000 black American troops arrived in Great Britain

Segregation was also brought to Britain

Black troops were segregated from white troops

British people were not used to seeing black Americans

Americans also brought candy

Coca-Cola

chewing gum

Thursday 3rd October 2024

Can I explain the factors that caused change as a result of WW2?

Causes:	Effects:
Hitler broke the treaty of Versailles and attacked Poland	Resulted in WWI because Britain had sworn to protect Poland and her other colonies
Blitzkrieg	Caused Britons allies to surrender and caused
Blitz	Killed over 39 million people in Europe alone and put Britain on strain to surrender (Sandhurst was bombed)
Segregation	Many people died and it took much longer to win the war because the black troops weren't allowed to fight.

Winston Churchill vowed to the British people that Britain didn't surrender during the Blitz and ended up winning

Bombing Blitz

Changed the landscape of London

The war ~~mass~~ affected our local area because Sandhurst was bombed lots of land around had to be rebuilt and London's landscape changed.

I believe I was successful because I explained how things that happened in world in WW2 affected the world

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Blitzkrieg	The lightning war led to the fall of France, the Netherlands, Norway and Belgium surrendering to Germany
The Blitz	Sandhurst being bombed and many lives lost
Segregation	Black people not being able to join the R.A.F and if they did they didn't really serve in the war
Rationing	People being too limited to things like hot water and petrol



# Preparing for Spring



Allotment and Forest School After School clubs have started the mammoth task of bulb planting to ensure our school environment is a vision of colour come next Spring.

Our amazing parent volunteer Amyas, dad of Edie and Beatrice will be back in school over the next couple of weeks to work with the children to build more pallet planters for the playgrounds.



## Dates for Your Diary

Week beginning 7th October	Year 6 assessment week
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Spring Bulb Sale
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 and 6 boys' football
Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th October	Parent and carer open evenings
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 and 4 football tournament
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 5 and 6 basketball tournament
Tuesday 22nd October	4L and 4K to Museum of London Docklands
Wednesday 23rd October	Reception to Year 6 Flu Immunisation
Thursday 24th October	4S to Museum of London Docklands
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Non Uniform Day
<b>Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November</b>	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Royal Ballet live lesson
Week beginning 11th November	Anti-Bullying week
Friday 15th November	BBC Children in Need
	Year 5 and 6 football tournament
Monday 18th November	Individual, sibling and class photographs
<b>Friday 22nd November</b>	<b>INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN</b>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole school art exhibition
Week beginning 2nd December	Whole school assessment week
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends of Torridon PTA School Disco
Friday 20th December	Last day of the autumn term
<b>Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>
Monday 6th January 2025	First day of the spring tem

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Theophilus	For being kind to his friends and he is helpful during tidy up time. Well done, Theophilus! 😊
Nursery AM	Cassia	For settling well into Nursery and she is joining in during carpet time. Well done, Cassia! 😊
Nursery PM	Maisie	For being helpful during tidy up time and she is becoming more independent using the toilet. Well done, Maisie! 😊
Blue Class	Raielle-Renise	For working hard in her phonics learning and always showing a positive attitude to learning. Well done!
Red Class	Margot	For her positive attitude to learning and always trying her best! Well done Margot 😊
Yellow Class	Ava	For always working hard and being engaged in her learning. Well done!
1M	Zakaria	For being incredibly hard-working and a great reader! He has shown enthusiasm towards our learning this week, always giving his best and encouraging others with his positive attitude. Well done, Zakaria! 😊
1N	Samara	For her fantastic independent learning and for always being a kind and considerate friend! 😊
1W	Lily	For being incredibly thoughtful about using the correct spellings and writing well-structured sentences. Keep up the incredible focus!
2E	Ola	For always doing the right thing. She listens beautifully, tries her hardest and is always kind to those around her. Well done for being a lovely role model in 2E! 😊
2S	Daniel	For his wonderful effort in writing this week! Well done for including lovely finger spaces and fabulous description in your learning. Keep it up Daniel 😊
2SW	Samrawit	For her hard work and determination in every lesson. She always tries her very best! Well done Samrawit! 😊
3A	Flo	Working really hard on improving her handwriting 😊
3G	Rina	For her amazing contributions to class discussions and for writing a beautiful recount of our trip to Catford. Well done Rina! 😊
3S	Zariah	For really thinking about her work. Well done for trying to complete your learning. Keep up the amazing work 😊
4K	Sara	For showing fantastic enthusiasm in her learning this week. Well done for actively engaging in class discussions.
4L	Ethan	For always using his initiative to help out around the classroom and responsibly carry out jobs.
4S	Liam	For showing great enthusiasm and focus on his learning. Well done Liam!
5C	Melanie	for always keeping focused and working hard in class and being very helpful in class and in the dinner hall
5L	Edward	For his improvement in hockey during P.E. Lessons. He has developed really good passing, dribbling and tackling skills. Well done!
5V	Maya	For her excellent presentation and always taking pride in her learning. Well done!
6A	Chisom	For being a great role model for our class and school community, who takes pride in her learning; always displays our core values and loves to celebrate our diversity.
6L	Isla	For her insightful contributions throughout all lessons, as well as linking her ideas further to black history month.
6R	Mujtaba	For excellent collaboration with his peers and demonstrating excellence in all areas of the curriculum.
RB Blue	Naoki	For good focus when writing which produced an excellent hot write.
RB Green	Gregory	Well done for using your voice so much in 2SW and in the resource base. It has been lovely to hear you talking to so many adults and children.



# Holiday Activities



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# Community Events



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